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# EDITORIAL



This edition of Woroni, the final for 1982, contains quite a lot of material concerning the Committee of Disputed Returns which met recently and decided that the election of Anderson, as President of the SA, in 1981 was invalid. This decision meant that at an SA meeting last week Gary Humphries could be declared President. (He has been Administrator for the past five months). Gary's term expires as does my own, as an editor, on November 31st, and we make way for a new regime consisting of Bill Redpath (President), Nick Richardson (Treasurer), Sally Skyring (AUS Secretary), Lorraine Deardon (Trustee) and the Active Student Voice Woroni Collective.

The outcome of the SA elections in relation to the positions of President and Woroni Editors (undoubtedly the two most important elected SA office-holders), surprised few people, though it disappointed many.

Bill Redpath's presidential campaign was fought on the basis of his experience in dealing with student issues and his "commitment to students' interests."

However much one might sympathise with Larry Anderson, in his belief that he had been cheated out of the presidency in 1981, his decision to use that as the basis of his campaign must have made a significant contribution to his defeat. Had he presented students with some decent policies, rather than deriding SA members for their unjust manipulation of the Association (a derision which was wholly deserved) he may have had at least some chance of success.

Not that, ultimately, most students really care who the SA President is! It is only of concern to the members of the various political factions on campus — the Left, Liberals, Democrats, Social Democrats and the DSP.

Of far more importance to most students is the editorship of Woroni.

Woroni is something tangible.

Students can assess the paper's performance during the year, and express their satisfaction or dissatisfaction in the casting of their votes during the elections.

This year students chose to abandon the independent editorship which has prevailed over the last two years. They elected the Left controlled Active Student Voice Collective to the 1983 editorship.

Many were disappointed at the failure of the Access Press bid for editorship, however it must be remembered that most students voting in the elections this year would not have experienced the "Left style" of editorship which existed prior to 1981.

Perhaps if they had, the result would have been different. It is to be hoped that Active Student Voice will not resort to the type of "editorial comments" which were used by previous Left editors to detract from articles contributed by students who did not happen to share the same political, social or religious outlook as the editors. The fact that Helen Campbell (one of the new editors) has already stated that she would be "more inclined to give priority to pro-abortion articles than anti-abortion articles" does not augur well for the accessibility to Woroni which ASV maintain has never been in question.

With the change of leadership in the SA Executive, it is more important than ever that students concern

themselves with involvement in the direction of the Association. Pressure must be maintained to establish the SRC. Bill Redpath has stated that he will support its implementation, however, with the momentum of the referendum gone, there would be nothing to prevent a reversal of his "commitment" to this project.

Students must also be prepared to fight to maintain their rights of free expression in Woroni, if there is any attempt to infringe those rights.

The fifty or so students who turn up to SA meetings and determine policy of Association, need to be kept in check. These people are generally political activists of one persuasion or another who are joined together in their common, if misguided, belief that they represent the views of the majority of students.

The fact is that they represent the views of a very few students and yet determine policy for all of us.

I would hope that next year more people will participate in the running of the Association, but I'm not holding my breath.

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# LEFT ARE BACK AT THE HELM

After two years of centre and right-wing gains, the left have again emerged as the dominant force in student politics. Although real power will always be exercised by the group with the largest number of activists, elections are a good guide to student opinion on campus.

The Left won eight of the ten positions on the Union Board of Management, pushing their position from one of narrow majority to overwhelming control. The Liberals picked up the last two seats, with four Democrat candidates unable to win a single seat despite gaining 17.5% of the vote.

The election of two undergraduate members of Council held by postal ballot last month, resulted in a no change situation; the Left and the non-Left winning a seat each. There was, however, a net swing of votes to the Left with Jane Connors coming close to joining colleague Jeffrey Dalton on Council. Preferences from the Deadly Serious Party marginally favoured Liberal Philip Walker who picked up the second seat.

The biggest gains for the Left, however, were achieved in the Students' Association election held last fortnight. The Left's candidates for the positions of AUS Secretary, Trustee and Treasurer were unopposed. Independent candidate for President, Larry Anderson, went down to Left-activist Bill

Redpath.

Mr Redpath had told voters that the Students' Association had achieved little during the current year and that it needed to be more active in various campaigns such as the crusade against the student loans scheme.

The victory of the Left's Woroni candidates over the independent Access Press team brought two years of independent editing to an end. This was probably the most significant victory for the Left since 1980.

The Left also improved their vote in the election for delegates to the Australian Union of Students' Annual Conference. Last year they won only two of the five positions. This year they will be sending three delegates the two other positions going to Liberal candidates Karen Gibson and Glen Phillips.

The referendum, held last July, was the first indication that swing in the April SA election was a high-water mark for the non-Left. Over 750 students voted to stay with AUS against 567 who wanted to secede. The vote to introduce the Students' Representative Council was won by the narrow majority of 65 votes.

Independent students have said that it will take two years for the non-Left to recover from the electoral defeats of 1982.

— Rohan Greenland

# John Hyde at Garran Hall

Last Thursday night the ANU Liberal Society had as guest speaker the controversial John Hyde. Mr Hyde is the MHR for Moore in Western Australia and has figured prominently in the national media as a leader of the "dries", the economic rationalists who argue for cuts in tariffs and taxes and for the natural, unregulated force of the market place. Most recently Mr Hyde's profile has been raised by his trenchant criticism of the Federal Government's retrospective tax legislation.

Before a small but enthusiastic group the speaker showed a streak of realism which was at times very stark. He freely admitted, for instance, that he expected to lose his seat at the next Federal

election but insisted that there were others "to carry on the fight."

He spoke harshly about the lack of ideological commitment in the current government and even described the Menzies' Government as a "socialist government under a Liberal tag."

He said that any party which attempted to make long term and important decisions without reference to a firm set of first principles, was bound to develop contradictory policies, and implied that the three-and-a-half thousand-odd decisions made by the Fraser Cabinet last year often fell into that category.

He expressed firm admiration for Margaret Thatcher and said he expected her to win the 1984 general election simply

because of her capacity to "nag."

Despite the almost puritanical conceptualisation he presented, Mr Hyde was most persuasive and earned enthusiastic applause from "wets", "dries" and non-Liberals alike. Many of the audience were economics students who exhibited in their questions an obvious zeal for the Hyde philosophy.

The meeting, chaired by Society President Gary Humphries, was held in the Senior Common Room at Garran Hall.

The Society is to hold its annual Parliamentary reception next Thursday, which all members have been invited to attend. Last Thursday's meeting was, however, the last general meeting for the year.

## Who says students are always ignored?

The University usually moves on student-initiated questions with all the speed of a drugged snail, but last week one such initiative met with speedy and surprising success.

At last Wednesday's Students' Association meeting a motion, moved by President Gary Humphries and seconded by Alan Bennett called on the University to install speed traps in light of the fatal car accidents along Daly Road in the past two years.

At Friday's meeting of the

Buildings and Grounds Committee — the University body charged with responsibility for the campus' roads — SA representative Kerry Corke moved for implementation of the SA's policy. As a result, the Committee decided to install speed "channels" at about four points along Daly Road between Dickson Road and Corin Huts. The channels will create a barrier across the roadway through which angled apertures — wide enough for one car at a time — will be

placed. The measure will initially be a temporary one to assess its effectiveness in slowing traffic along the road.

The idea, according to Buildings and Grounds head, Mr A. A. Robertson, is a relatively untried one in Australia and will require the approval of the ACT Director of Public Traffic. He expected the channels, which he said "look quite promising," to be installed after Christmas.

And you thought student politicians were indolent bug-



## SORRENTO BOYCOTT

Members of the ANU Students' Association participated in a picket of Pizza Sorrento last week.

The picket was organised as a result of an incident which occurred during the Lesbian and Homosexual Men's Conference, held in Canberra in August.

According to organisers of the picket, two women from the conference who were holding hands in the cafe were approached by the management and asked to leave.

It was hoped by organisers and participants that the picket would be peaceful and confrontation with members of the public and the Sorrento staff and management could be avoided.

However, the picket ended prematurely when picketers clashed with a group whom

they claim had been "hassling" them from the beginning of the picket.

Police were called to the scene of the picket, when it appeared likely that the anti-picket group could become violent. Despite the attempts of the police to defuse the situation, it was considered by picket organisers that to continue with the picket may have been putting picketers at risk of physical assault.

Those involved intend to continue to seek support for the gay community in Canberra by lobbying for the ACT Anti-Discrimination Bill, currently being drafted to include provisions for non-discrimination on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation.

At present the Bill includes no such reference.

## THE HUMP COLUMN

With exams coming up fast and work pressure on, it's almost a truism that student extra-curricula activity will be down. Nonetheless, please take a moment to fill in your Counter Course Handbook questionnaires, thereby giving others the chance to benefit from your experience.

Don't forget, too, that the Association's Education Welfare Officer is available to discuss some of the problems you may encounter in the lead-up to the exams. Sue McGrath, the EWO, is particularly keen to get comments on lecture timetabling.

### THE LEGAL SITUATION

The legal dilemma has at long last, come to an end. A Committee of Disputed Returns has decided to overturn the October 1981 elections and a complaint before another such committee re the April presidential election has been withdrawn.

At the SA meeting this Wednesday night that election was declared.

The cost to the Association of the action is not yet known, but could well exceed \$1000 in legal expenses.

Hopefully, these occurrences will be rare events (the last successful challenge to a presidential election was in 1964); certainly the events of this year have seriously destabilized the Association and greatly reduced its effectiveness on behalf of students.

### GENERAL SERVICES FEES

For re-enrolling students in 1983 the GSF will be going up from \$130 to \$140. Legal Workshop students will pay \$50, up from \$23 in 1982.

These increases have been approved by the University to meet requested increases by the Union and Sports Union, in particular, in their annual allocations from the GSF.

I personally advocated resistance to automatic and regular fee increases but was on this score by myself.

The University's philosophy on these matters tends to be that students won't notice much difference and that therefore little increases here and there won't be much concern to anybody.

The fact is, however, that the GSF is a major financial outlay before university courses can be undertaken, and to many students this constitutes a serious obstacle.

Perhaps even more important, however, is the lack of correlation between the University's responsibilities in this area and the actual level of the fee. Although it has (laudably) refused to interfere with the internal workings of the student organisations, it has failed at the same time to recognise that the interests of students don't necessarily coincide with those of the student organisations.

The Administration sanctions those who refuse to pay and yet takes very little responsibility for the money once handed over. A review in this area is urgently needed.

### THE ELECTIONS

The elections are over and the Left have, once again after a brief hiccup, made a clean sweep of the positions.

This might be the right moment to reflect on the balance of power in the Students' Association, and its future.

Obviously, there is some foundation for seeing the Left as "the natural party of government", with the non-Left being only exceptionally in control.

That's not to say, however, that the Left have an irresistibly strong electoral base.

The Left put an infinitely greater number of man-hours

into the SA than any other group and generally achieve much through sheer weight of workers and sheer organisational saturation.

The SA also plays a far more important role in their lives and political aspirations than in those of other students. But their opponents, particularly independents, have an innate capacity to capitalise on their weakness and, despite the most recent results, it remains generally true that, with a normal turnout of voters and reasonable voter-awareness, independents will win over all-comers four times out of five.

But these last five months have also shown something else about independents. There may be a substantial correlation between an absence of political affiliation and an absence of political effectiveness.

Independents are by definition without supportive groups and in the environment of the SA this can be a major disability.

Arguably, the independents elected to various positions of responsibility this year were unable to do or achieve anything of value.

The SRC, for instance, was won 90% on the work of the Liberals. (The Liberals fall between both these positions: our candidates have a support group but a much smaller one than the Left's).

What lessons can be drawn from this are subjective but important. The Left have the worst ends and the best means, whereas the others have the best ends but no means.

Above all, I suppose it bespeaks the importance of having committed persons in positions of responsibility.

Such a person can probably achieve whatever he or she sets out to do regardless of political label if the will is present.

—Gary Humphries



## STUDENT POLITICS IN BRITAIN

# Students get the new politics

The ANU Social Democrats is an informal group whose aim is to promote concepts of social democracy on campus through debate and discussion.

There has been a lot of debate about the Australian Union of Students in recent months. But how does it compare with Britain's mammoth student body, the National Union of Students?

In the first of the following articles Jackie Sadek, an executive officer of NUS describes the structure and functions of the Union. In the second article she describes student politics at the national level in Britain from the perspective of the year old Social Democratic Party Students of which she is also an executive member.

Both articles are reprinted from the SDPS newspaper 'Student Social Democratic' by the ANU Social Democrats.

The National Union of Students has existed (albeit sometimes only barely) in one form or another for some sixty years and it is fairly safe to say that we are stronger now than we ever have been. David Aaronovitch (President of NUS 1980/82) used to say that, organisationally and politically, the National Union could knock any student's union into a cocked hat. As a recently retired President of a fairly large students union I would not like to comment on the former claim - it being somewhat difficult to do all the work NUS does with only 77 staff (including ten Regional Officers) - but the latter is certainly true beyond any shadow of a doubt.

NUS "lives" in fairly small premises at 3 Endsleigh Street, London W1 (just opposite Euston Station) and it is from this mecca of insanity that all its marvellous and multitudinous tasks are co-ordinated and directed - sometimes brilliantly well and sometimes dazzlingly badly. But for all its faults and failings, the National Union of Students is the most democratically run Union in this country - let's face it, it wouldn't be difficult when you look at the competition - and what other Union do you know has 750 full-time officers, almost all of whom take responsibility for the employment of anything from one to 120 staff, at the (average) tender age of 22?

There are two democratically structured NUS Conferences each year: the Annual Conference held on the first weekend of December and the Ordinary Conference held during the Easter vacation. Delegates to Conference are (hopefully) elected from their students unions to represent the students at their college. The amount of delegates a students union can send depends on how many full-time students are registered at the educational establishment concerned; so that a large polytechnic, say, may send as many as ten delegates whereas a

small college of - say again - Theology may only be entitled to one. However small the college may be, it will always be represented at National Conference by at least one delegate, as it is the Conference which is the sovereign body of the Union.



"I've shown how committed I am to everything that the SDP stands for by voting for all nine candidates."

Roughly (very roughly) speaking, the December Conference is generally the policy making conference, whereas the Easter Conference is the business meeting, which elects the National Executive. The National Executive consists of 19 people, 17 of whom are elected at the Easter Conference, plus the full-time President NUS Wales and Chairperson NUS Scotland (elected by the NUS Welsh and NUS Scottish Conferences respectively). Of the 17 elected at NUS UK Conference, five are full-time officers: the President, Treasurer, Secretary, V.P. Education and V.P. Welfare, and are elected by a method of preferential voting (look it up);

whereas the other 12 are part-timers and are elected in three blocks of three Executive officers, four Executive Members and five Executive Committee Members, by the single transferable vote method of proportional representation. Altogether these

nineteen people are responsible for the day to day running of the Union and for carrying out the policy mandates as laid down by the Conference twice a year. It is a thankless task and heaven knows why we do it, but the competition to get on is fierce and all the seats are heavily contested every Easter.

The Union does not stop here; various other conferences for special interest groups are held throughout the year, such as the Further Education Conference, Public Sector Higher Education Conference, Universities Conference, Women's Conference, Gay Liberation Conference, Overseas Students Conference... you name it, and you'll find they're represented somewhere. Each of these groups also

elects its own committee to represent them at National level, and this is not to mention the sterling work done by the NUS Wales Executive and the NUS Scotland Executive, or the numerous sub-committees and infrastructures set up by the NUS U.K. Executive to examine special areas of interest. So there is a lot of work going on.

The Union concentrates on offering good services to students (National Student Discount Scheme, NUS Marketing, Endsleigh Insurance, free "National Student" newspaper, to name but a few) and on campaigning to improve the lot of its members in the way of grants, accommodation, welfare, representation etc. The success that the Union has had in campaigning is quite remarkable and is perhaps what we, as SDPS students, should be most concerned with; and NUS is a well respected institution which cuts some ice with such inconsequential bodies as Parliament and the TUC.

To those that criticise the National Union I would say this: if it were not for NUS, you would now be financed by a re-payable loan scheme rather than receiving any sort of grant - however small; if it were not for NUS, the fight to improve - or in some cases institute - student representation on Academic Boards etc. would not have been successful; if it were not for NUS, it is unlikely that there would be any sort of nursery provision whatsoever at educational institutions in this country. I could go on and on. You may think your life as a student is hard at the moment, but believe you me it would have been 20 times harder were it not for the National Union

## NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS: Where the new politics fits in

Ever since June 16th 1981 when the SDP/Liberal Joint Working Party published a statement of principles entitled "A Fresh Start for Britain" the students from the respective parties - on both a local and a national level - have been moving towards a similar working arrangement.

The success of student alliances around the country varies enormously: in some student unions Liberal and Social Democratic students are not even speaking to one another, in others the two parties have been working hand in hand ever since the SDP was first formed. At a national level, the situation is

extremely complex and progress has been slow and not always steady. The difficulty of the project was further exacerbated by the very nature of student politics - the fits and starts in the student political year, the long vacations, the length of time between one democratically constituted meeting and another, the political moratorium exercised during examination periods etc. etc. The SDP students also had the monumental task of establishing themselves in the student political arena, sometimes making it difficult for us to see beyond the end of our noses.



At the ULS Conference in November 1981, Liberal students passed a motion positively welcoming the existence of SDPS. They did better than we did. At February SDPS Conference a proposed charter for Liberal and Social Democratic students - as drawn up by members of the SDPS National Co-ordinating Committee - was rejected as being inadequate for both our purposes. Things were then sent into disarray for a period of

months culminating in a fairly disastrous (in Alliance terms) NUS Easter Conference.

At one stage, around last May, various members of the SDPS National Co-ordinating Committee produced a veritable plethora of discussion papers weighing up the pros and cons, the ideology and methodology, the options and confusions, surrounding student Alliances in general and the Left Alliance in particular. My own paper, presented at this juncture, was so full of philosophical abstraction that it nearly disappeared up its own rear end in an attempt to impose a fairly sophisticated (I now realize too sophisticated) analysis on the state of affairs in student politics; others were more down to earth, most notably Keith Leadbetter's (SDPS NUS Officer) which shone out like a star and upon which was based the charter we eventually presented to ULS as the base line from which we could work for a joint manifesto for Alliance students. The Union of Liberal Students was quick to respond. Liz Barker (Chairperson ULS) wrote an absolutely splendid paper, coyly entitled "A Stale Start for Britain" (!) in which she filled out the topics we had raised and also introduced further areas for discussion. Once amended by the ULS/SDPS Liaison group, the document in question will be presented to the respective Executive Committees for final approval. I feel confident that we will have a joint Student Alliance manifesto in time for the main thrust of our Freshers Campaign in October.

The position with respect to the existing Left Alliance is rather more difficult. For those of you that are new to the beast, the Left Alliance is an organisation comprising Liberal students, Communist students and non-aligned left of centre independent students. It has little base in most individual student unions but works best at a national level, most especially at NUS Conferences where until last Easter it reigned supreme. In stark contrast to this is the National Organisation of Labour Students (NOLS) who have very firm roots in the colleges and who until comparatively recently did not do so well at a national level (they only succeeded in completely taking over NUS - their aim for many years - at last Easter's NUS Conference).

Most of the leadership of ULS are - for very laudable reasons - firmly committed to the Left Alliance (they were, after all, founder members of the organisation). It naturally poses difficulties for them in trying to reconcile this with the national SDP/Liberal Alliance that has been set up by our parent parties. SDPS, on the other hand, are in a somewhat different position. It would probably be true to say that there is little in the way of L.A. policy that SDPS could disagree with; our problem is that of having a different angle of approach and an alternative methodology. We would rather make firm our ground in the colleges first and worry about national student politics second, and we would rather evolve our own Alliance in full consultation with individual college ULS and SDPS groups than impose a rigorous centre "alliance" structure upon our members. I do not wish to be over critical about the Left Alliance; there are many many admirable things about it, but I intrinsically believe that, as presently constituted, the Left Alliance is not the correct forum for SDP students. By the time you read this, however, I may have been proved totally wrong, I am writing a full week before the Left Alliance pre-Autumn term Conference and the chances are that at that Conference we may be able to find a common ground and that my fears will have been dispelled. You will appreciate from this that the situation is entirely fluid.

Whatever happens, it is of vital importance that ULS and SDPS continue to work together in student unions where they are working together, and start working together in student unions where they are not. There must be an enormous amount of give and take and allowances made on both sides. You may feel, as SDPS members, that there's more give than take as far as you are concerned but you can bet your last penny that's exactly how your ULS partners also view the situation.

## ULS

We are not solely in the business of pronouncing upon Alliances from an SDPS perspective - or, for that matter, Alliances from a ULS perspective - but on students from an Alliance perspective. We should be members of the Alliance first and foremost and if - and only if - we continue to bear this in mind, then we will win, and put an end to the intolerable byzantine machinations in student politics.

Jackie Sadek  
NUS U.K. Executive  
SDPS Executive



## Duntroon Tribute

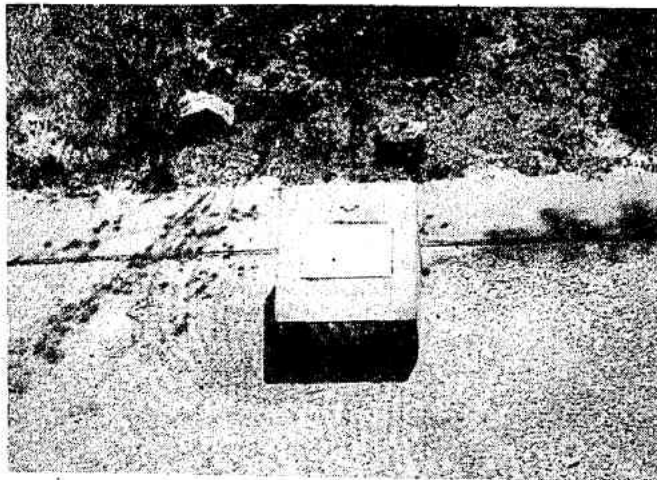
Cadets of the Royal Military College erected, in the dead of a late September night, a tribute to the students of ANU who took the "Military" out of Duntroon.

A plaque set in concrete (see photo), placed in Union court, read, "Belula Pedula (the College motto). Presented by the Cadets of the Royal College, September, 1982."

It was a fitting reply to the Classics Department scavenger team who removed the brass lettering from the entrance to the College during Bush Week.

A spokesman from the team said, "We are delighted with the memorial, but are disappointed that other students have scratched out the lettering of the plaque and have attacked it with everything from spray-paint to crowbars.

"It was a rare display of constructive, and for Duntroon cadets, imaginative revenge," he added.



"Duntroon's Revenge". The plaque erected by Cadets of the Royal Military College in the Union courtyard.

## A VIEW FOR THE LEFT

1982 has been a turbulent year for students at ANU: early SA elections, an SA referendum, an AUS referendum, Union Board elections and SA elections again. It was also a year that saw intensive activity at Faculty and Departmental level. In Economics there were several highly successful petitions against harsh and unjust assessment schemes, as well as the formation of an Economics Reading Group. In Arts we saw the formation of a Literary Society, committed inter alia to broaden the study of English, and in History a group of students has commenced producing a regular newsletter committed to opening up debate on conceptual issues related to history and theory.

The Faculty of Law, too, has seen quite a deal of activity this year, with members of the Law School Action Group raising important issues on Assessment Consultation, the structure of the ANU Degree (i.e., compulsory units) and getting the faculty to sponsor debate on wider issues concerning Law and Legal Education. We also witnessed a Loans Campaign, including students from all faculties.

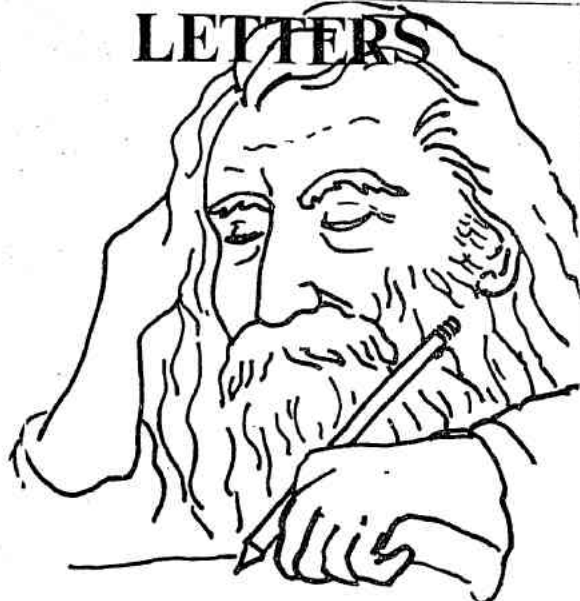
Prospects at the beginning of the year did not look good — we had no positions on the SA Executive and none in Woroni. In July, however, the tide turned when, after a vigorous campaign, we learned that ANU voted to remain in AUS by the biggest margin for years. By October we held every position on the SA Executive and Woroni. This was due to the hard work and commitment of many active students.

In a period of right wing attacks and economic decline there is a temptation for those concerned with social change and social justice to retreat from an openly left-wing position and "follow" the perceived "conservative tendency" amongst "students at large." Left-wing activists at ANU have resisted this, believing that by arguing solidly and consistently, and work to link our political commitments into the everyday concern of students we have proven that even in a "hostile" ideological climate people can be won over to an openly active left-wing perspective.

1983 promises to be an exciting year. With an active and experienced left-wing president, Bill Redpath, and a Woroni run by people committed to stopping it becoming an in-house journal for a few college students — the stage is set for even more activity and greater involvement of students in progressive struggles. The challenge for 1983 will be: can we consolidate the significant achievements of the year, can we develop a form of socialist politics that is relevant and meaningful, affecting the everyday concerns of most students? The struggle will not be easy — but then the struggle for socialism never is.

J. Buchanan,  
15-10-82

## LETTERS



### Jellybean Bribery

Dear Eds,

Please answer what I think is a simple question. Were you running for reelection in the recent SA elections?

I thought not, but apparently Maund et al did.

I could not see the relation between the so-called "editorial narcissism" of this year's eds. with "Access Press" which I took to be an entirely different collective.

I also saw a poster (outside Arts Faculty office) damning "Access Press" but which had a photo on it of someone not even associated with them.

Seems to me if the ASV crowd can't get their smear campaign right, then there's not much hope for them doing any correct reporting I guess. Heaven or something help us!

Still, I'd never vote for anyone who tried to bribe me with jellybeans anyhow. Student "politics" has plummeted to new depths.

Yours in despair,

M. Francis (3rd yr Arts)

PS: Thought the last "Woroni" was the best one of the last three years. Congratulations!

## ANU UNION

It is said around the ANU that when the tree fluff starts falling in the Union forecourt that is the time for students to panic, aware that their final exams and papers are due very shortly. It is of course also time for the Union's Oktoberfest.

This year's celebration will be the fourth and will be held on 22nd October. As usual this date corresponds with the last day of lectures and provides everyone on campus with an excellent chance to relax and enjoy themselves.

Starting at 4pm and running through to 8pm, the Fest

features German food, a variety of beers, full bar facilities and a range of entertainment. This year's music will be provided by a strolling accordionist and by The Etamogah Philharmonic Orchestra.

There will of course be a range of souvenir items on sale, including beer steins and T-shirts. A large hamper will also be raffled off, along with a host of spot prizes throughout the afternoon. Everyone on campus is most welcome to this exciting event, to be held in the ANU Union Refectory on 22nd October.

indicative of the level of abuse, misrepresentation and selective information the staff have been subjected to in the performance of their duties. Of even those names which are genuine. "

"The Publisher of the last issue of Woroni (Vol 34, No. 9) regrets the publication of an article which appeared on page 3 under the title "2XX DEALS WITH DISSENT". That article was ungrammatical, ambiguous internally inconsistent and contained significant and serious errors of fact. The opinions expressed in that article were unsubstantiated and unattributed and are not the opinions of the Publisher. The article appeared without the normal safeguards being carried out before publication to ensure that the facts had been checked. "

Now I'm not suggesting that Garry let Liz draft his statement, perhaps he writes her stuff.

— Peter Martin  
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### "Plain Crap"

Dear Editors,

I would like to correct some plain lies published in the Left-wing publication "Plain Truth".

Firstly the Returning Officer is accused of failing to publicise the places and times of voting. They write, "The 'independent' Returning Officer has failed to bother to tell anyone where they can vote." The Returning Officer, Ian Rout, posted notices of polling times and places in halls, colleges, the SA Office, the Union and libraries several weeks before the election. He also placed a notice in Woroni which appeared the week before the elections. This is a case not of "plain truth", but plain defamation.

And why is the Returning Officer described as being "independent" — their inverted comma. Are the editors of "Plain Truth" afraid to call him a Leftist? Or a Liberal? Or an Australian Democrat? Well, they should be — because Ian Rout is independent and to

accuse him of being anything else would be a blatant lie. The clear implication that Mr Rout is not independent and is attempting to somehow subvert the outcome of the elections is as malicious as it is defamatory.

The editors also claim that the members of Access Press are "strangely connected to the previous editors of Woroni (see front page of last Woroni)".

The previous editor of Woroni, me, had never met two of the members of Access Press before the week of voting. Some "strong connection". (And incidentally, the last front page of Woroni had a graphic of a magpie diving through some wattle. It was designed and drawn by Bollinger, a student at the CCAE. Where does Access Press come in?)

"Plain Truth" also declares that: "Access Press claim to independence reaches as far as their independence from policies and experience." Ruth Barney and Michael Preiss have backgrounds associated with journalism and have both had their work published. "Plain Truth" also accuse Larry Anderson of lacking experience. Larry has been involved with politics, on and off campus throughout his three years at ANU. Maybe "Plain Truth" expects all candidates to be elder statesmen.

The independents are blamed for "the extraordinary absence of informed discussion and debate". The speeches around the Union, Hall and Colleges and the broadsheet of official policy statements are a service provided for the candidates. But it is entirely up to the candidates to promote themselves and their policies — not the Returning Officer. The election policy broadsheets are freely available and within easy access of all students. The accusations that "independents" have tried to suppress debate an electoral issues is pathetic and untrue.

Finally, the authors of "Plain Truth" have seen fit not to identify themselves. Hardly surprising really, as they have not only breached SA electoral regulations, but ACT law as well. "Plain Truth's" final comment: "Think carefully and safeguard the SA for 1983." If "Plain Truth" is an indication of the way the Left operate, I hope students do think carefully, and vote against the authors of "Plain Crap".

Yours etc.,

R. J. Greenland

## A question of style

Dear Editors,

I was surprised to read the statement in your special election edition "2XX: PUBLISHER APOLOGIES" purporting to be written by Publisher Garry Humphries.

I was surprised partly because of the vehemence of his suggestion that there were inaccuracies in your, on the whole, restrained account of recent happenings at 2XX partly because of his failure to specify/inaccuracies and partly because of his style of writing.

The arrangement of words is astonishingly similar to those used by the 2XX Station Co-ordinator herself:

"which they had no knowledge. This disgusting and dishonest abuse of the Public Officers' privilege and responsibility is in-

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# Lead Flies at Acton Gulch

by T. Ark

Once upon a time, way up West, in the sleepy little town of Acton Gulch, SA, law and order was maintained by Deputy Sheriff Powder Puff Humphries.

Powder Puff, you'll remember, was once leader of the Blue Hat Gang, and he still reckons he is, but your narrator, being an old hand, knows otherwise. Ever since the Blue Hat Gang had joined with Slick Larry's Yellow Hat Gang and shot the Red Hat Gang out of town, Powder Puff had wanted to step into Sheriff Jeffrey T. Dalton's shoes. Now Powder Puff wanted to be Sheriff something bad, but Justice Kelly decided he just didn't make the grade.

For a while the Blue Hat Gang stopped riding into town on Wednesday nights and shooting up the town. Until that is, they put the railroad through, and one Horrible Horace, a new kind of cowboy, came in on the train. Now Horace was a veteran of many a gun fight in many a place, no newcomer to the gun-fighting that had become commonplace in Acton Gulch.

No one knew which gang Horace belonged to. He was seen drinking with all sides, even the Yellow Hat Gang.

Now Horace favoured drinking with the Blue Hat Gang until one day into the saloon came Powder Puff

with his front-man on many town hall committees, Injustice Mullen. At the time, Horace was showing the bar-gal "Round-the-World" with his six shooter. Mullen complained and Powder Puff tried to run him in. Horrible laid out Mullen, took a pot-shot at Powder Puff and galloped out of town.

Meanwhile, all was not well in the Blue Hat Gang. The straight shooting pair, Gomez "Dead-Eye" Walker and Pedro "Corpulence" Corke had been out to get Powder Puff right from the very beginning, but were afraid of Powder Puff's fast draw — when peoples backs were turned. Things were real bad for the Blue Hat gang. Desertions became rife. Former gang leader El Nobbros hung up his guns and went East.

On Wednesday nights, the Red Hat Gang took to riding into town, to shoot up the place, and slobber in the saloon 'til sun-up.

It was about this time rumours went round that the Red Hat Gang was about to re-take the town. The Gang's leaders, Kid Buchanan and Pancho Redpath, and their side-kicks, Dead Skunk Storey, Two-tonne Bron, Calamity Connors and Silly Skyrocket, were indeed plotting to retake the town and seize the position of sheriff.

The remnants of the Blue Hat Gang, having lost control of the saloon, saw Powder Puff change hats so they decided to head for the hills.

This left the tiny Yellow Hat Gang in town to face the coming attack of the awesome Red Hat Gang.

Before the big attack, Kid Buchanan and Pancho Redpath saw Powder Puff in the Deputy's office. Although his office was blue, Powder Puff already wore a Red Hat.

"Give us your support," growled Pancho "and we'll make you sheriff for a week, then give you a fat pension."

"It's a deal," squeaked Powder Puff. So the big day came. Slick Larry supported by Gringo Greenland went out to meet the Red Hat Gang. The Moronic News team cheered.



The townspeople cleared the street, for they knew a show down was coming.

Slick Larry faced Pancho Redpath. The showdown had come.

"Say your prayers Poncho."

"That's right, say your prayers," said Powder Puff from behind a wagon.

"You Yellow Hats have had it," retorted Pancho.

"Yes, you Yellow Hats have had it," said the squeaky voice.

"That's where you're wrong, Pan . . ."

A shot rang out. Slick Larry bit the dust, a whole in his back. The townsfolk turned to see Powder Puff scurrying off, smoke trailing from his six-shooter.

The Red Hat Gang rode over Slick Larry's body and into the Sheriff's office. And the Yellow Hat Gang rode out of town.

## A.U.S. Education Conference

The Australian Union of Students held an education conference in Melbourne recently (20-22/8/82).

Delegates came from universities across the country to discuss various issues concerning students, the most important of which was the attitude AUS will adopt to the student loans scheme to be introduced by the Federal Government.

### Workshops

#### — Assessment

This workshop was largely to discuss AUS's next great "leap forward" in assessment. After years of AUS inspired continual assessment-harassment (you know, an essay a day keep the examinations away) our next advance is to be group assessment.

To explain the mystery, group assessment consists of dividing a course into groups, roughly the size of a tutorial group. Members will submit to the group a piece of work on which their assessment will be based. When the question arose as to how the members of the group were going to have a clue about the topic before them . . . they will learn by being given reading lists of about six articles on the topic. From this they would then assess their "comrades". Students would feel "morally obligated" to read the articles to assess their fellows (working on eight to a group at least x six articles per head = 48 articles before you do your own work. Some moral obligation).

After a very brief discussion on whether such an assessment scheme may harm the employment prospects of the people from the institution(s) which used it, the remainder of the session was spent on how such an assessment scheme could be made to fit in to the "incumbent lower structures in universities".

If anyone doubts that the system would work we were assured by two: "wimmin" that it worked quite well in their fine arts-drama classes.

#### — Funding

It appears that the horrors of private funding are about to hit Australian Tertiary Institutions. This was the message of another of the conference's workshops. Private funding is where

groups within society provide moneys to help universities provide the facilities for under-graduate courses (such funding has always been around in the Post-graduate areas).

Arguably, one point against such funding was that it may narrow down under-graduate courses, making them into technical training areas for the funding company. The problem with this argument is that companies rarely want "trained monkeys" in the areas of graduate employment. Rather, funding groups will want students to have a wide basis of knowledge in their area of studies, so that they can solve problems, can "lead" workers in a number of areas and can understand the many diverse aspects of post-tertiary employment. However, the argument is still one to keep in mind.

For the most part, the paranoia lobby ruled the workshop. Apparently, most private funding will go to specific departments, mainly the sciences. As I was the only non-arts students in the room, I was rather amazed at the ranting and raving of some delegates as to how this would cause science to grow ad nauseam and unleash its terrors on the poor unsuspecting world. Apparently, the ideas of better facilities, better educated graduates and less graduate unemployment are not important to AUS. Rather, many speakers are more worried that other students may get more funding than they get. What ever happened to student unity?

Unfortunately, it appears that inter-faculty rivalry is more important to AUS than confronting the real issues and possibilities of private funding. The paranoid lobby came away out in front. The ordinary student was forgotten. Oh well, there was that one good point . . .

### Senator Teague

The speech by Senator Baden Teague (Liberal SA) to explain the Federal Government's policy on tertiary education was so pathetic it does not warrant mention.

### Resolutions

#### — The Loans Response:

At the end of the conference, resolutions moved by ANU's own Jeffrey Dalton were passed in response to the loans scheme about to be introduced by the Federal Government.

Firstly AUS affirmed its total opposition to a student loans scheme.

Secondly it proposed a course of action. Some of the more bizarre proposals were:



● attempting to defeat loans in the Senate.

● "mass" withdrawal of funds from the banks participating in the scheme by students, students' association, universities.

It was still said that the implementation of a loans scheme would lead to the abolition of TEAS. Somebody forgot to mention that TEAS was increased by 20% for next year at the same time loans were introduced.

Whether this belief is true or not AUS has still gone off the rails by failing to take notice of reality.

(1) AUS has failed to realise that providing loans do not lead to TEAS reduction; students must benefit.

(2) AUS is spending its resources in ignorance of political realities. The loans scheme is now fact. It WILL become part of tertiary life for those who want to use it. Rather than wasting time and money trying to prevent loans, AUS would be better advised to devote itself to ensuring TEAS is not sacrificed when loans do come in, giving students the benefit of both schemes. However it seems destined to spend money and effort in the wrong way for what it is seeking to achieve without any proof that loans will not be to the benefit of the majority of students.

—Philip Walker  
Stephen King



# EAGLE: Torture, Mutilation, Death

Earlier this year I bought a magazine from a large city newsagent called "Eagle: Adventure, Survival, Truth". The magazine comes from the USA and deals with anti-terrorism, self defence techniques and post nuclear holocaust survival.

The article that really attracted my attention was called "Let a Mugger Feel your Razor Edge" from which I'd like to quote.

If you do not have access to a good pistol or combat knife — or restrictive laws forbid such use — you can still come up with an element-of-surprise weapon, a straight razor. It's concealable size and fierce reputation makes it an ideal street or home defence weapon. Make no mistake, it is not the perfect weapon, it has disadvantages. It does not produce shock like a bullet striking flesh. Nor does it make a deep wound. Nor is it a killing weapon able to get at the vital organs of an attacker; as the thrust of an 8" knife blade to the kidneys. I mention these disadvantages so false confidence in a razor's use will not work against you.

At best a razor slash will only amplify the injury potential of a fist-punch or other bare-handed counter attack. A .45 calibre slug in the face is best. So the razor slash is a middle-of-the-road attack between hand-to-hand or pistol defence. Because of its minimal effectiveness, one must direct the razor slash to vital areas. You must be ruthless and vicious as a mad dog, your attacker is not the least bit squeamish about bashing brains in. To survive, you must be brutal in your counter-attack. Your assailant is on a "high", small slashes may not slow him down. Deliver slashes to vital areas to induce enough pain or shock to stop the attack.

Sides of the neck offer a good target, jugular and carotid veins produce tremendous blood loss. Grabbing the assailant by the hair will stabilise the "target" for neck slashes. The throat presents a clear and easy target which when cut will usually stop further action. The eyes are difficult to get to, but a hair-hold stabilises the target, allowing you to slash an eye from its socket. Attempts by the assailant to grab you, allow you to slash wrists or deliver inside slashes to thighs. If you are knocked to the ground, grab his foot and cut the achilles tendon or reach up between the legs of a male assailant and castrate him.

After removing your attacker's testicles, slashing his eyes and severing his jugular, there's just no use standing there, wondering what to do next. The article goes on to advise of two alternatives you have:

## After the attack

Once the attack is over, the would-be-attacker has fled, or you have managed to get away, you may not know what damage you did to him. You have two choices. You can call the police and tell them of the attack and that you used a razor to defend yourself. If the assailant is found dead or hospitalised, the police will "notify" you. You will need an attorney (very expensive) to defend yourself in court, as the attacker will claim it was very unsportsmanlike for you to slash him despite his overtures of "friendship". If the attacker is found dead, his heirs will sue. Be prepared to lose everything you own, or go to jail, or both. This is the new criminal code in the USA, the victim is guilty until stripped of his possessions or jailed.

Your second choice is to keep your mouth shut, say nothing to anyone, consider yourself lucky to be alive. You will not have to spend money on attorneys, you keep everything you own, you do not go to jail. The newspapers will have a small item on the back pages that another scumbag got his just deserts tangling with the "wrong" victim, other scumbag attackers will avoid that part of town, the police will have one less problem.

"Body Count", a regular feature on terrorism around the world, from which the picture of the dead Mexican came, contained the following two gems:

## Yugoslavia Ain't Paradise

America isn't the only place ever to have student troubles. Take Yugoslavia. In Kosovo province's Pristina University, students complained of things the students world over gripe about: overcrowding, scholarship problems... and poor food in the cafeteria. But those protests turned into an abortive nationalist uprising, aimed at establishing an Albanian-aligned Kosovo Republic. In the battles with police and soldiers some rioters used small children as shields. They still lost.

The other snippet from "Body Count" is from pre-Falklands Argentina.

## Mothers of Death

Perhaps one of the seven saddest sights of the world is the Mothers of Plaza de Mayo. A lot of Argentinian government officials call them the equivalent of "mothers" because the women do show up with a clock-work regularity at the capital and demand the government provide information on husbands, sons and daughters who "disappeared" during the 1970s. If they're being used to embarrass the government — and they are an embarrassment — they're generally sincere. Mothers are sometimes more emotional than clear-thinking... and you have to bless 'em for it.

So who reads this stuff anyway? I turned to the "Letters to the Editor" and found the following:

... had our blacks been banned from the (US) military we could have sent a few of our airborne rangers and special forces units to mop up the terrorists in Rhodesia, when Ian Smith requested help.

I do not profess to be an expert on military strategy, but it seems to me that maybe three or four brigades of a thousand men or so would have been sufficient to aid the Rhodesians patrol their borders. This is peanuts when compared to our commitment to NATO, but, as we all know, we abandoned one of our last allies in Africa, in favour of a terrorist leader who killed missionaries and children because of their faith and colour.

In my opinion, we can improve our military only if we follow these two resolutions:

Firstly, all blacks must be discharged immediately.

# Death

Secondly, their vacancies will be filled by whites drawn into the services by a draft. Further, these whites would have to be good Christians of high moral standards with acceptable intelligence.

This does not necessarily mean a college degree, either.

Of course, no one could get away with publishing such material without the Kremlin alerting KGB agents in the States to take action.

## Eagle Picketed By Soviet Street Scum

Soviet Russian financed street scum picketed the EAGLE offices in downtown New York at noon on 9 September.

Claiming to be the "John Brown Anti-Klan Committee" and denouncing EAGLE's support of the fight against international terrorism, these traitors in the pay of our enemies blocked the entrance to the headquarters building, chanting communist slogans, demanding Soviet dominance of South Africa, defeat of white supremacy around the world, stop mercenary recruitment in the USA, punishment of "killer cops" and the outlawing of the Klan. With this grab-bag of causes, and the lack of interest of the people on the street in the demonstration, EAGLE decided to ignore these lowlife freaks.

After all, "freedom of speech" is an American birthright and EAGLE is proud to belong to a country where the freedom to express an opinion is guaranteed to each and every citizen, without regard to race, color, creed, or sex. Even ASSHOLES!

The magazine remains on sale in the city.

SUBMITTED BY CHRIS FLYNN

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## Covert Mexicans

Watch for news to leak of Mexican Army ops near the southern border of Mexico. Mexican troops are trying to dig out a bunch of Guatemalan rebels who have set up shop in the south. Given the way the Mexican Army works no one will hear much about the operations until the problem is solved or resolved.





# Justice SA style

An "out of court" settlement reached some weeks ago between Larry Anderson and the trustees of the ANU Students' Association, provided for the election of a new Committee of Disputed Returns to consider the complaints lodged against the conduct of the 1981 SA elections. The Committee was to consider the complaints in relation to the position of President.

The trustees of the Association gave an undertaking that they would do everything possible to elect a new Committee at the SA meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 15.

At that meeting five candidates stood for the three positions available on the Committee. The successful candidates were Elizabeth O'Brien, Michael Cullen and Hugh Ford. (O'Brien and

Cullen were members of the 1981 Committee which first invalidated the 1981 elections).

The "New Committee" met on September 27 and 28, hearing evidence from a number of witnesses. The Committee also accepted written submissions from two witnesses, Chris Warren and Ian Rout.

Considering all the evidence, the Committee came to the unanimous decision that the election of the position of President in 1981 was invalid. The decision surprised few of the SA's politic but many still maintain that the decision was wrong.

Below we have reproduced the submissions of Messrs Warren and Rout, and the report of the Committee's findings. Judge for yourself!

To: The Committee of Disputed Returns.

## Validity of the 1981 ANU Students' Association Presidential Election — Submission by Ian Rout

0. I assisted the Returning Officer, Robert Patch, with the conduct of the election. I am unable to attend the hearing of Tuesday 28 September because I shall be occupied with the 1982 election.
1. Four candidates nominated for the Presidency in 1981; one withdrew and Larry Anderson, Bronwen Turner and Gary Humphries contested the position at a ballot in early October.
2. The Hare-Clark voting system was used; i.e. a candidate must have more votes than all the others combined in order to be elected. In an election with three candidates where none has an absolute majority of first preference votes, the votes of the candidate coming last are distributed between the other two according to the second preferences. This is the only transfer that takes place as there are then only two candidates remaining.
3. In the 1981 election, the first preference votes were:  
Anderson 328  
Turner 327  
Humphries 291  
Humphries was eliminated. Of his 291 votes 242 indicated a second preference for Anderson and the remaining 49 went to Turner. Anderson therefore had 570 votes to Turner's 376.
4. Had Turner finished last her preferences would, according to scrutineers, have also elected Anderson. Hence to show that Anderson did not validly win it is necessary to demonstrate either:  
(a) that large numbers of votes for one candidate were invalid; or  
(b) that a sufficient number of votes are invalid such that Anderson should have come third and he, rather than Humphries, been eliminated.
5. I propose to demonstrate later that complaints (a) and (b), even if completely justified, could only give Anderson an advantage of 16 votes relative to Turner and 11 votes relative to Humphries. Consequently complaint (d) must be sufficient to explain 13 voters changing their votes from Humphries to Anderson to fulfill case (a). If the first of these (ie that Anderson misdirected 13 of Humphries' voters) cannot be shown (as I believe to be the case) then the second almost certainly cannot.
6. I submit that complaint (c), ie security of ballot boxes after the count, is irrelevant as there was no recount after the afternoon of the close of voting, no request for a recount, and the figures quoted above were ascertained by careful and accurate counting and have never been queried.
7. With respect to complaint (a) I affirm that the Returning Officer voted (this is not in question as Patch also affirms it). In so doing he breached Regulation 26(m) which forbids the Returning Officer to vote (except to break a tie) and exercised his right under Regulation 15 which gives every ANUSA member the right to vote.
8. In the event that Patch voted for Anderson (I have no evidence that he did or didn't) and if Reg. 26(m) is held to take precedence over Reg. 15, then the true voting figures are changed to:  
Anderson 327  
Turner 327  
Humphries 291
9. I submit that complaint (b) has little substance. Even if Patch really did tell a candidate that voting was "optional preferential" (ie it was not compulsory to number every square) then these points should be noted:  
(i) The ballot paper itself correctly directed the voter.  
(ii) During the first session of voting I advised Bronwen Turner that her How-To-Vote card advised an informal vote. If a voter voted informally at later sessions it was the fault of candidates, not the Returning Officer.  
(iii) In order for Anderson to lose he had to finish behind Humphries as well as Turner (see paras 2-4). As voters are unlikely to have used Turner's How-To-Vote card to find out how to vote for Humphries, Anderson would not have lost ground to Humphries as a result of voter misinformation.
10. Most important with regard to complaint (b), however, is the number of informal votes that may have been generated. In the tally room I counted those informal votes which showed an attempt to cast a formal vote. 25 voters put down only a number 1; 4 for Anderson, 11 for Turner and 10 for Humphries. 8 voters put a 1 and a 2 (still informal): 4 were for votes for Anderson and 4 for Turner. In total the votes lost to candidates through failure to number all squares were:  
Anderson 8  
Turner 15  
Humphries 10
11. In determining the effect if voters were misled, the Committee must decide what "probably" (Reg. 34) means. If the most extreme case is considered, ie, that all votes lost to Turner and Humphries were through voters being misled but none of those lost to Anderson, then the voting figures would be:  
Anderson 327  
Turner 342  
Humphries 301
- I submit that a more probable estimate is that Humphries and Anderson lost no votes (as their How-To-Vote advice was formal) and Turner lost up to 7 (the difference between hers and Anderson's informal votes). Then the totals would be:  
Anderson 327  
Turner 334  
Humphries 291
12. I now turn to the question of the secrecy of the ballot. From the first of the tables in para. 11 above, Anderson must have gained 13 votes from Humphries to have evaded third place (moreover I have subtracted a vote from Anderson which may have been from Patch; so the figure is really 14 because in the case of a 314-314 tie for second, Patch's vote could be legitimately cast under Reg. 26(m). From the second, which I have asserted is more probable, the figure 18 (more correctly 19, by the above logic). The question of secrecy, and the possible effects of its being compromised, are most subjective than the other factors under consideration.
13. In April this year a ballot was held under what I submit were identical conditions to those for the 1981 elections. A complaint was submitted as to the secrecy of the ballot and was dismissed. For one of the positions the vote was:  
Connors 269  
Swain 303  
Bolden 242  
Bolden was eliminated and his preference elected Swain. But if 14 first preference votes which went to Connors had gone to Bolden, Connors would have been eliminated and Bolden stayed in. As Connors' How-To-Vote advice showed Bolden as second preference the result would probably have been changed in those circumstances. Hence the Committee of Disputed Returns (chaired on that occasion by Bill Redpath) felt that even if the conditions for voting were not secret they were not sufficiently non-secret to have caused 14 votes to change hands.
14. In fact the Committee interpreted Reg. 18(a) to mean that elections must take place in conditions where voters have the option of evading inspection (see its report for the complete findings).
15. I submit that this is the most reasonable interpretation. Firstly, it is consistent with the actual wording of Reg. 18(a). Secondly, the Returning Officer could not carry around portable polling booths without a number of assistants (rarely forthcoming) and it would make no practical difference — some voters would still vote under the direct vision of all and sundry and some would use the booths in place of the corners and secluded spots as used currently.
16. It might also be noted that for the Union's elections, which are conducted by an officer of the Australian Electoral Office, voting at sessions outside the Union Building is under conditions identical to those for the Students' Association elections.
17. I would find it easier to accept that lack of secrecy led to interference with voters (as opposed to voters voluntarily relinquishing the right to retreat with their voting papers or seeking advice from others) if someone who had been bullied into changing from his or her previous voting intentions could be produced. No such person was in evidence at the hearing of the first Committee of Disputed Returns and nor has one been found since. If elections are to be invalidated on the basis of incidents that might have taken place it is difficult to see how an election can ever be valid.
18. Moreover, if a candidate or agents of a candidate did interfere with or intimidate voters it is far more likely to have been on behalf of one of the other two candidates than of Anderson. Both had larger entourages than Anderson and were represented at more voting sessions.
19. I therefore submit to the Committee:  
(a) that Anderson may have gained one vote from the Returning Officer;  
(b) that Anderson gained a maximum of 15 votes relative to Turner as a result  
(c) that the vulnerability of ballot boxes after the count, even if demonstrated, does not alter or bring into doubt the result;  
(d) that the Returning Officer complied with the provision of Reg. 18(a) and in the event that it had been breached Anderson would have derived no benefit.  
(e) that as Anderson's winning margin was not small enough to be accounted for by irregularities as above he was validly elected to the position of President of the Australian National University Students' Association.
20. The Committee may wish to consider the implications of the results of the April 1982 elections.



## Written Submission to Committee of Disputed Returns

1. The ANU Students' Association is an open association of students that seeks to control their own affairs and maintain a high standard of probity and housekeeping. Its elections are crucial and vulnerable points in its constitution. If extremist groups can mount a concerted campaign over the relative short period of election fever they can affect the whole student association for its full next term. Therefore it is essential that the standards upheld at the ANU are no less than those that prevail in the community as a whole. Any detraction that is not approved by the majority of students only serves to favour one faction over another. This is what the right-wing attempted to do — through the returning officer and others who were willing or who were being just used (e.g. R. Greenland and R. Ceramidas) they tried to initiate a campaign of confusion and detraction from the normal standards that could only benefit right-wing students.
2. There are various terms for the various factions but no real dispute exists as to the actual division. G. Humphries admits to the view that there is a "left" and a "non-left" and by virtue of this novel invention underlines this bona-fide division. The real distraction is that the left does not support capitalism nor the individual projects and institutions of capitalism. G. Humphries and L. Anderson are, however, adherents of capitalism and in particular supporters of regimes such as is found in South Korea. This instead of incompetent labels such as "non-left" it is more sensible to use the more commonly acceptable term "right-wing" to describe those who support capitalism whether in the style of Korean oligarchy, Australian oligarchy or American one-man rule. The validity of this distinction is also attested to by the fact that in the Union elections in the same year as the disputed S. Assoc. elections, various people were successful all using terms such as "left", "independent", "Australian Democrat" and "Liberal". Ms Stravopolous a right-winger then included all so called independents and Aust. Democrats as part of her team and said what a wonderful victory.
3. It is relevant for the committee to view the fact that right-wing students have been seeking to destabilize the ANU Students' Association for years. To this end they have been receiving outside aid in terms of funding as they have always been able to produce better quality propaganda than left students who only use facilities provided by clubs and societies. They have also been able to get a better response from the Canberra Times which has meant that voters in the election who are part-time have had an unbalanced view presented to them through the Canberra Times. In fact I am informed the whole link up between Larry Anderson, Rohan Greenland and Robert Patch and the Liberal Society and the Canberra Times was organised by the bodgie organisation known as "Journalists Association". It is noteworthy to point out that even today Larry Anderson's election material features in prominence the articles in the Canberra Times. With the huge proportion of part-time students who are members of the association this effort by the Canberra Times is serious outside interference indeed.
- 3a. After conferring with S. Bartos, evidence exists that L. Anderson asked a band to play in support of his campaign on the promise that they would get work if he was elected — this is commonly known as payolla. Further it seems that Geoff Pryor of the Canberra Times was either paid or gave his time free to do professional cartoons to aid Larry Anderson's team. This is further evidence of outside interference brought in to mislead voters.
4. In their ongoing project of destabilisation the right-wing has through varying individuals used other breaches of law and moral codes of conduct. They have repeatedly broken the law through thefts, trespass, fraud, misrepresentations, standover tactics, violence, defamation and racism and sexism. It has twice been necessary to bring their conduct to the attention of the ACT and NSW police. When I attempted to give evidence to the Committee of Disputed Returns I was pressured when Larry Anderson was allowed to interject — "Chris Warren is full of shit!" The Committee did nothing!  
Further evidence now exists that the returning officer was led to the committee of disputed returns when he said that all votes when counted were mixed up and put into two boxes that were locked. No less than four people, plus the unchallenged findings of another authoritative committee has found otherwise — ballot papers were stored according to colour in separate boxes two of which were unlocked and the other two were openable because the keys were beside them and one lock was a cheap combination lock made in Hong Kong, Taiwan or Singapore.  
Thus the right-wing has had to resort to perjury to the ANU Students' Association to cover up their now exposed scheme.
- 4a. G. Humphries concurred on the dishonesty of the committee when he submitted that it "should not rely on the veracity of Robert Patch."
5. The Returning Officer altered his decision making powers and used his discretion to favour an old associate and ex-running mate L. Anderson. I believe they have since fallen out but this is besides the point. The Returning Officer is required on ballot paper to indicate how cast a formal vote. He told B. Turner that votes with only one candidate marked were formal. The left then put out how-to-vote cards based on this advice and only after a couple of days voting was the deception noted. L. Anderson has given evidence that the election regulations were always accessible so clearly the Returning Officer meant to misinform. L. Anderson also in admitting that Returning Officer Patch misinformed B. Turner, said that "she was stupid and had only herself to blame." Again when this statement was made — **the committee did nothing!** Further the Returning Officer allowed another associate and ex-running mate R. Greenland to approach voters in the voting booths demanding visibly to know who they voted for. G. Humphries has given evidence as to how the right-wing in particular uses the tactic of putting moral pressure on voters based on personalities rather than issues. S. Bartos has informed me that the atmosphere at polling booths was "heavy." G. Humphries has admitted that he breached the 10' rule and he also noted that the left was more circumspect with regards to the 10' rule — i.e. the Left adhered to it to a greater extent than the right-wing. And the Returning Officer allowed this detraction to "flow-on" to affect the ballot.
6. The Returning Officer allowed votes that were brought in from outside of the polling place to be included in the ballot. He then lost the voters roll so no check can now be made from numbers of votes cast to members of students voting. Nor can he say that the people he gave votes to were the people who put votes into the ballot box.

Chris Warren

## Committee of Disputed Returns Report on the conduct of the Students' Association Elections held 5-9 October, 1981

In accordance with the directive by the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, the General Meeting of the ANU Students' Association held on Wednesday, 15 September, 1982 elected three members of the Association as members of a Committee of Disputed Returns to investigate the complaint made against the conduct of the elections. The members elected were:

Elizabeth O'Brien, Co-Ordinator Radio 2XX, Hon Life Member of the Association, President of the Association 1976.  
Michael Cullen, member of the Association, 4th year Economics student, LL.B.  
Hugh Ford, member of the Association, 4th year Arts/Law student.

In accordance with Section 33(b) of the Electoral Regulations the following objection was referred to the Committee.

"Under Section 33 of the Electoral Regulations we wish to complain against the validity of the whole of the elections. Evidence exists that:

- a) The Returning Officer voted;
- b) The Returning Officer led voters to cast optional preferential votes and then declared these invalid;
- c) The Returning Officer left ballot boxes in a vulnerable position;
- d) The Returning Officer did not ensure a secret ballot in some places.

Signed: Katrina Edwards, Chris Warren, Wendy Davies, Greg Ussher, Michael Bartos, Stephen Bartos.

The Committee met on three occasions. On Friday 24 September, 1982, to consider procedures and Liz O'Brien was elected Chairperson; on Tuesday 28 September, 1982 and Wednesday, 29 September, 1982 to hear evidence and receive submissions and to consider its findings. Diana Riddell, Admin. Secretary of the Association acted as Secretary to the Committee at all the meetings.

Robert Patch, the Returning Officer was present at the meetings of 24 September and 28 September and Larry Anderson was present at all meetings of the Committee. Larry Anderson requested that his objections to the composition of the Committee be minuted.

The following persons appeared before the Committee — they are in order of appearance:

Michael Bartos, Larry Anderson, Chris Warren, Kerry Corke, Robert Patch, Gary Humphries, Larry Anderson (again), Matthew Storey.

Written submissions were received from Ian Rout and Chris Warren. After receiving the submissions and hearing evidence from the witnesses, the Committee made their decisions in the presence of Larry Anderson.

The Committee of Disputed Returns formally submits the following findings to the Students' Association.

- a) The Committee finds that the Returning Officer did vote in breach of the Electoral Regulations.
- b) The Committee finds that the Returning Officer did lead voters to cast optional preferential votes only to declare such votes invalid.
- c) The Committee finds that the Returning Officer did leave the ballot boxes in a vulnerable position.
- d) The Committee finds that the Returning Officer did not ensure a secret ballot in some places.

The Committee, therefore, are of the unanimous view that the Returning Officer's actions were below the standard that would otherwise be expected of such officers, thereby providing grounds for invalidating the elections in line with Regulation 34 of the Electoral Regulations. The Committee finds that the breaches of the Electoral Regulations would have materially and probably altered the result of the election and, therefore, declares the election invalid.

The Committee believes that the failure of the Returning Officer and other officers of the Association to ensure that its elections are conducted in accordance with the Electoral Regulations is a grievous disservice to the members of the Students' Association. It is our unanimous opinion that all SA elections should be scrupulously conducted by the Returning Officer in accordance with the Regulations and the Constitution. All officers of the Association and candidates in elections should acquaint themselves with the Electoral Regulations and abide by them. In the event of a breach, the Association should institute disciplinary proceedings forthwith. We are concerned that if such a casual approach to elections as we have heard evidence of persists, the Students' Association will not be able to ensure that it can comply with the wishes of the membership. Members of the Association are entitled to rely on their elected officials to ensure that their votes are properly cast and that Regulations are complied with.

The members of the Association are entitled to have elected officers of the Association carry out their instructions at all times. Failure to comply with the Electoral Regulations and Constitution during elections denies the membership its fundamental right to elect and instruct its officers.

We are of the opinion that if breaches of the Regulations continue to occur, the officers of the Association could be liable for action instituted against them by individual members.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends that article 44(3) of the Constitution of the ANU Students' Association be amended so that future Committees of Disputed Returns be allowed to meet in camera when confidential information is being considered and their decisions are being made.

Elizabeth O'Brien      Hugh Ford      Michael Cullen

29 September, 1982.



# BUSH WEEK SUPPLEMENT

For many years arrests have been a prominent feature of Bush Week Scavenger Hunts; 1982 was to prove no exception. Informed sources report that no fewer than thirty-seven arrests were made. Down on last year's forty-six, a policeperson said that this was a "marked improvement" in student behaviour. However, the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, Ivor Dickie, drew students' attention to Isaiah 16:13 which says: "Thou shalt not nick Presbyterian Church signs." (Revised Presbyterian version, September 1982).

At a press conference last Tuesday, the organisers, hailing the event as a great success, revealed the damage. Although in the academic section teams performed unexpectedly poorly, the Classics Team managed to bring in the Vice Chancellor's hub caps (200 points).

Although aided by secret weapon Kerry Corke Burton's team, depleted by food poisoning and confinement, came last. Burgmann College managed to beat the Libyan Embassy's fool-proof security system by souveniring the Embassy crest from above the front door. This caused a minor diplomatic incident, the Libyan's temporarily suspending financial support to the Australian Union of Students.

The Dean of the Law School has announced that the Law Library extension will be delayed because a large number of bricks (500 points) disappeared. A similarly large number of bricks mysteriously appeared on the Burgmann College lawn.

John XXIII failed to score for their attempt at position 67, the judges, in a

three-two decision, said penetration had not been achieved and the girl was only faking.

Comrade Humphries, Chairthing of the Students' Association, was deluged by beautiful maidens who were prepared to risk life and limb by kissing our beloved Comrade (10,000 points). A new experience for Comrade Humphries, he became excited and his pants fell down. Conservative elements from Toad Hall, outraged at such behaviour, rushed to the scene, up-ended Comrade Humphries and gave him a much deserved spanking. He was unable to sit down for a week.

Since the Scavenger Hunt, ANU's motorcycle police have been chasing speeding cars on foot, their motorcycles (2,000 points) having disappeared on Thursday night. If anyone has any

details of the whereabouts of these two machines, keep it to yourself.

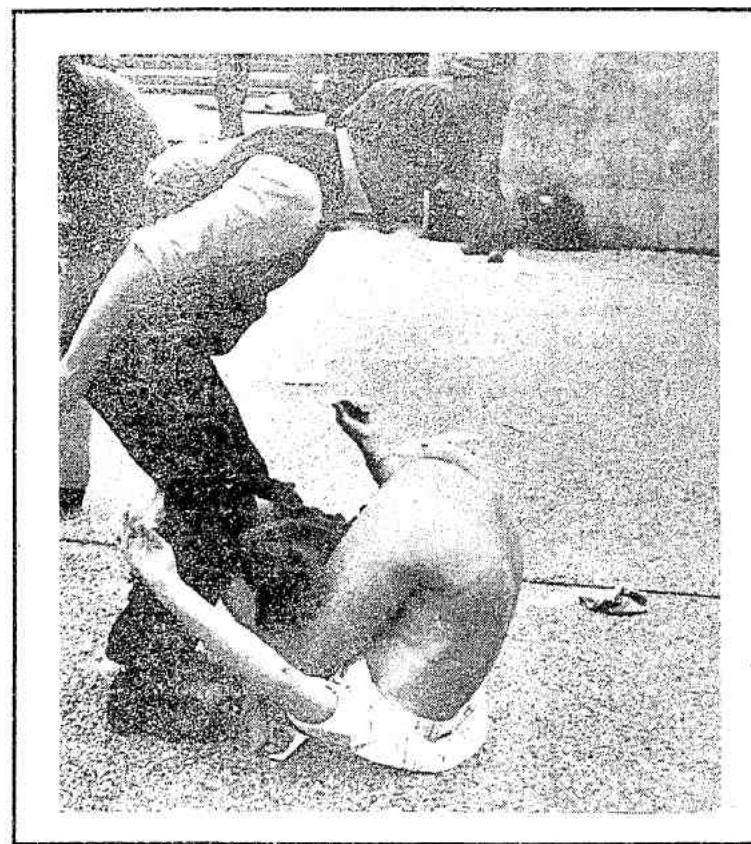
Absent from this year's Hunt, was the traditional telephone box. Organisers were surprised none appeared and blamed it on the recent increase in Telecom charges and last year's Organiser who fined Ursula 3,000 points for bringing one in. One judge, Mr I. Bitchakokov, said it would be back on the list next year.

Last year's winners, Bruce Hall, came in a poor fifth. Team organiser, Mr James Fox, said the best hunters were awaiting trial for offences arising out of last year's Hunt. This year's winners were Ursula College who no doubt, had divine help.

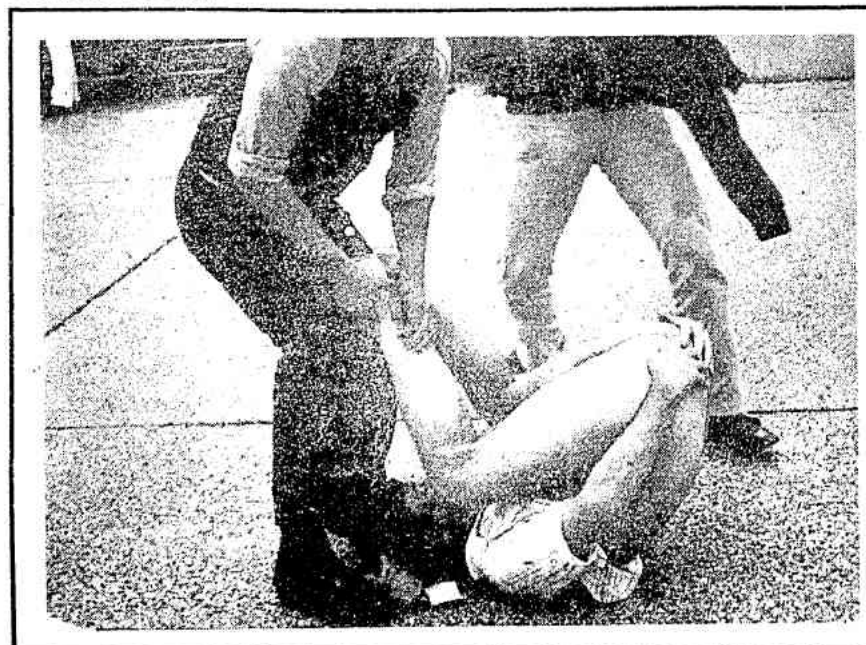
All those involved look forward to next year's Hunt.



Gary Humphries attempting to win a vote of confidence in the Union Court.



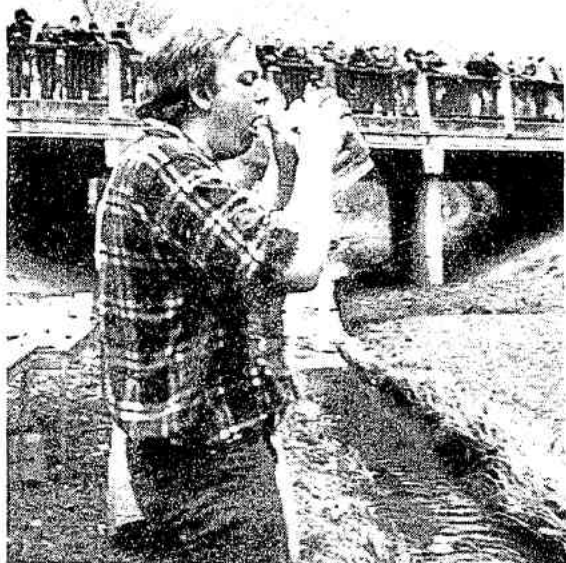
Outraged members of Toad Hall attempt to prevent the Administrator of the Students' Association, Gary Humphries, from taking off all his clothes during Bush Week Friday.







An ANU Iron Man . . .



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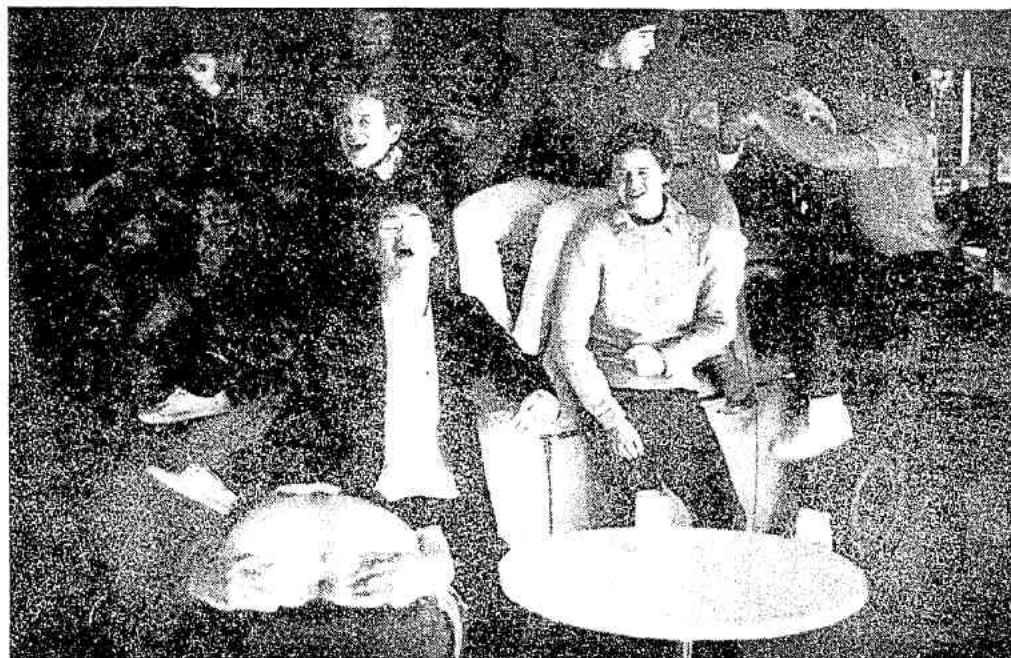
An Ursula College student demolishes a cold pear and egg pizza to help Ursula win the 1982 Scavenger Hunt.



A Duntroon cadet after attempting to convince the Classics Department Scavenger Team to return their RMC goal posts.



Chris Flinn of Bruce Hall demolishes a Rubic's cube in under two minutes to win 1,000 points for his Hall during the judging of the Scavenger Hunt.



This photo speaks for itself.



# AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



## SPAIN; police brutality

A former mother superior of a Roman Catholic convent has accused the Spanish police of beating her up during interrogation while she was being held under the country's anti-terrorist laws in April 1982.

Fifty-four-year-old Ana Ereno Achirica, formerly of the Madres Mercedarias Misioneras, Missionary Mothers of Mercy, is now a well-known feminist in northern Spain and works for the Basque newspaper Egin.

On 17 May she filed an accusation in the court of Bilbao that she had suffered injuries as a result of ill-treatment in Indauchu police station, Bilbao.

She was arrested in San Sebastian when she left work on 28 April and held incommunicado without access to lawyers or her family for nine days: first for one day in Bilbao and afterwards in the Direccion General de Seguridad (DGS) in Madrid, the headquarters of Spain's police. The law permits the police to hold suspects incommunicado for a period of 72 hours, which may be extended by seven days with judicial permission.

On 7 May she appeared in court in Madrid and was committed to Yeserias prison: she was provisionally released on 12 June. She has been charged with belonging to an armed band.

In her written accusation of 17 May she states that on 28 April in the police station in Bilbao she received powerful punches on her breasts, and karate blows on her thighs and that she was punched and slapped on the head and neck while held by her interrogators (she gives a description of two of her alleged interrogators). She said that this treatment continued for several hours and that the next day she was transferred to Madrid where she was held for a further eight days (during which she was not ill-treated).

On arrival in Madrid on 29 April she was examined by police doctors. Their report shows that they found facial swelling, including on her eyelids; her left eye was bloodshot and her jaw, stomach and abdomen were bruised. Her neck was also bruised and swollen.

Later that day she was examined by an ophthalmologist and a traumatologist who confirmed the findings relating to the eyes and head. A further examination of her eyes on 3 May noted a



"When the Government said Agrarian Reform would mean a plot of land for each of us, somehow I didn't picture this . . ."

Michalis Katsoulakos was tried on 8 December 1981 by the Navy Permanent Court Martial in Piraeus and sentenced

to three years' imprisonment. He is being detained in the civilian agricultural prison as Cassandra, Chalkidiki, where each day spent doing farm work counts as two days of the sentence served, thus reducing the term.

An electrical engineer, he is married with a baby son. He is reported to be suffering from a stomach complaint.

Please write courteous letters appealing for his immediate release to: His Excellency Mr Constantine Karamanlis/President of the Hellenic Republic/Athens/Greece.

## PAKISTAN; amputation

A sentence of amputation of the right hand imposed on a 25-year-old Pakistani for stealing a clock from a mosque has been confirmed by the Federal Shari'a Court, the highest Islamic court in Pakistan. It is the first time this court has confirmed a sentence of amputation.

Ghulam Ali, from Okara, Punjab, was sentenced to amputation by the Okara Shari'a Court — the local Islamic court in late 1979. This was set aside on 2 February 1980, by the Additional District and Session Court in Sahiwal.

The sentence was under the Offences against Property (Imposition of Haddoo (Islamic punishment)) Ordinance 1979, part of Islamic legislation introduced that year by President Zia-ul-Haq.

The Federal Shari'a Court's confirmation of Ghulam Ali's sentence came after its reversal in June 1982 of its previous ruling that death by stoning for rape, adultery and fornication was not an acceptable Islamic punishment. This reversal followed a change in the composition of the court by the martial law authorities — three religious scholars were appointed to the court, which now includes only one of its former judges.

Under Pakistan law Ghulam Ali is allowed to appeal to the Supreme Court against the Federal Shari'a Court's ruling in his case. Ali does not know if he has done so.

Since 1977, 22 people are reported to have been sentenced to amputation. However, there are no known cases of the sentence having been carried out and on many occasions the punishment has been commuted to imprisonment.

# what does your conscience say?

marked improvement in her condition. However, an examination on 7 May ordered by the court recorded "haemorrhage in both eyeballs. Haematoma of approximately 3 cms on both cheeks. Haematoma on the neck and right shoulder approximately 6 cms long; another 2 cms long in the periumbilical region and another longitudinal one of 5 cms in the middle of the external region of the left thigh. All the haematoma are in the process of healing."

A further medical report on the same day by the Head of Medical Services, Dr Manuel Castresana Garcia, substantially confirmed the previous report and requested that she be kept under observation.

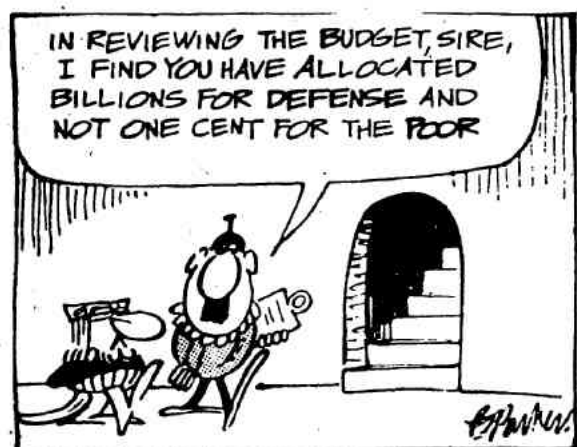
● On 10 May AI appealed to the Spanish authorities to begin an immediate judicial investigation into Ana Ereno's allegations and to state whether she had been seen by medical or judicial officials while in custody. At the time of going to press AI had not been informed about any court action on the allegations nor had it received a reply to questions raised in its appeal to the government.

## GREECE; peace found guilty

*A Jehovah's Witness aged 32, is serving a three-year prison term for conscientious objection to military service.*

Michalis Katsoulakos is one of about 100 Jehovah's Witnesses imprisoned at any given time in Greece for refusing to perform military service because of their religious convictions. All Greek men between 18 and 40 are liable for military service; those objecting on religious grounds are offered the alternative of unarmed military service.

Jehovah's Witnesses refuse this and are then tried and sentenced to imprisonment and, usually, loss of civil rights. AI regards only civilian service performed outside the military system as a satisfactory alternative to military service.





# GRAFFITI LIVES!

Have you, ever ever ever in your academic life, been accosted by an academic and his wife asking . . . "Well, what do you do at University?" and found yourself in the uncomfortable, not to say embarrassing position of having to reply "Arts" and watch it drop onto an, oh so stony, silence? Well, if like me, any of you have been in this uncompromising position you will be aware that arts graduates appear to have lost their standing in this world. However, never fear. Now is the time to recover your lost pride in your standing, and take new stock of your surrounds.

Even a Cook's Tour of these hallowed grounds should be enough to convince you that Bellini and Bottecelli being absent, we at least have spawned a new wave of potential Prior's, Pickering's and Punch writers, the discovery of which, though we may be eternally damned for it, should be enough to convince us that there lives an artist and poet in many of us yet. What am I talking about? Graffiti, of course. That wonderful but level wisdom which sprouts as if by magic after every Union painting binge to live our days and help pass many a private reflective moment.

Graffiti is probably the most under-rated form of public expression operating in Australia today, and it is certainly the one boasting the greatest level of saturation. With only a pencil stub, even the meekest of us is in a position to comment on a vast range of subjects, ranging from politics to personal philosophy, and all this is notwithstanding its greatest advantage in these tough days of Frasersomics . . . it's free. So convenient a form of commentary is it, so easily transportable, and having the immensely variable logistical potential it does, it's hardly surprising that across the nation graffiti is becoming a highly accepted, if not legal means of making your point.

Of course outside the heavyweight political campaigns of "Free Baba", whoever that auspicious gentleman may be, and the by now predictable "Razer Frazer", it does have a rather lighter side. It's not so very long ago that our own local regal identity resorted to its use and plastered his electorate with slogans such as "Give us our Daily Fred", only to quickly find himself upstaged by the retort "Man cannot live by Fred alone". No wonder the electorate voted as it did!

On a more general level comments such as "Adolf Hitler is alive and well and designing women's footwear" will probably ring true to any number of the female population who have struggled through the day on a pair of high heels whose only redeeming feature would appear to be the boost to our ailing footwear industry their purchase may have produced.

Having been a non-participatory admirer of the phantom scribblers in our midsts for some time now, I would be the first to back their pragmatic wisdom against any which could be dished up by psychologists or political commentators. Where in the political rhetoric of our time would one find so honest a summary of the state of our governments priorities than in the words . . . "The day we know that peace has broken out is the day education gets all the money it needs and the airforce has to hold a cake stall to buy a bomber . . ." or for sheer understanding of the way our system operates compare this selection . . . "Politicians are like bananas — start off green, end up yellow, spineless and bent."

"He was granted an OBE for Other Buggers Efforts".  
"Mutate now and avoid the rush".

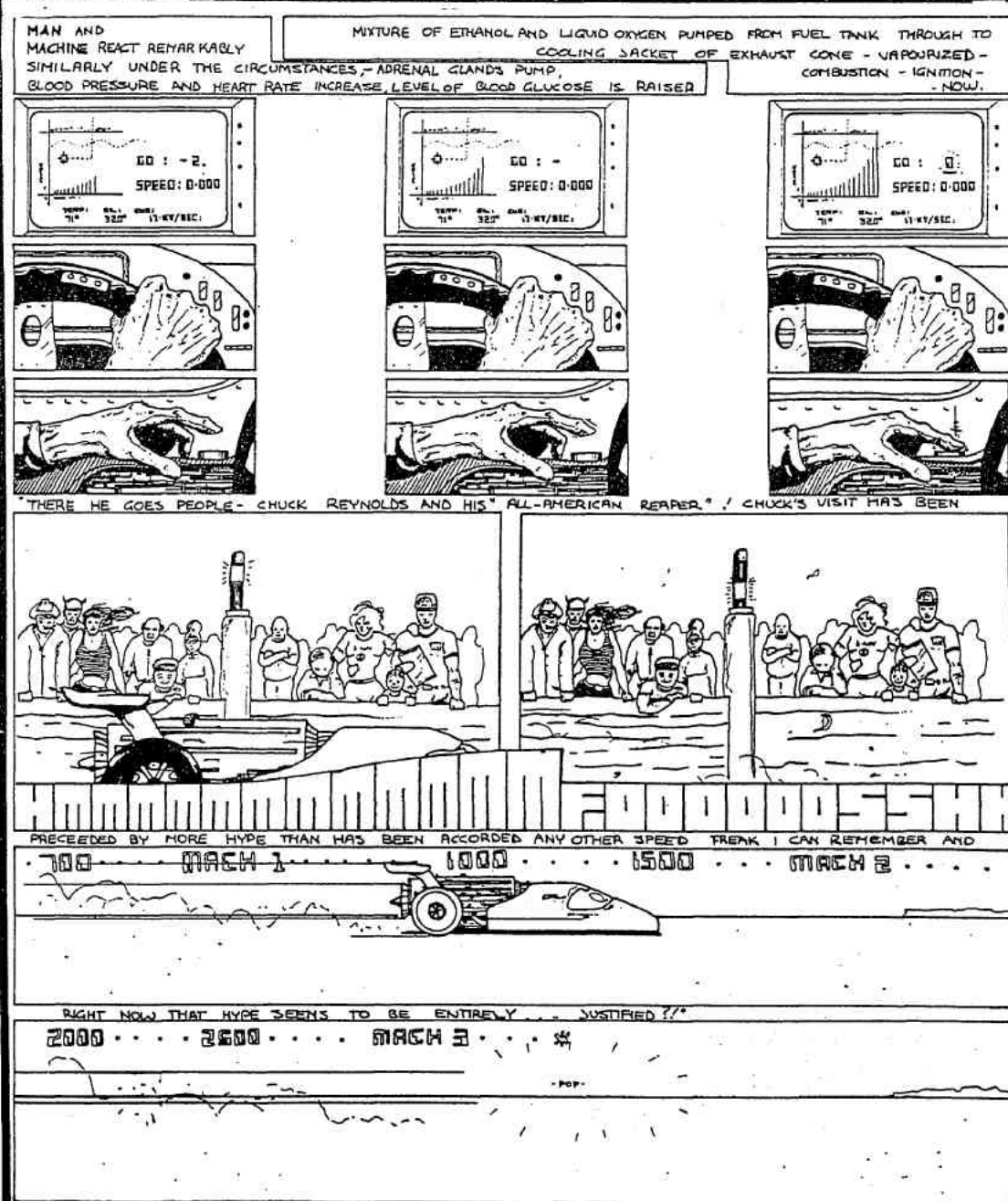
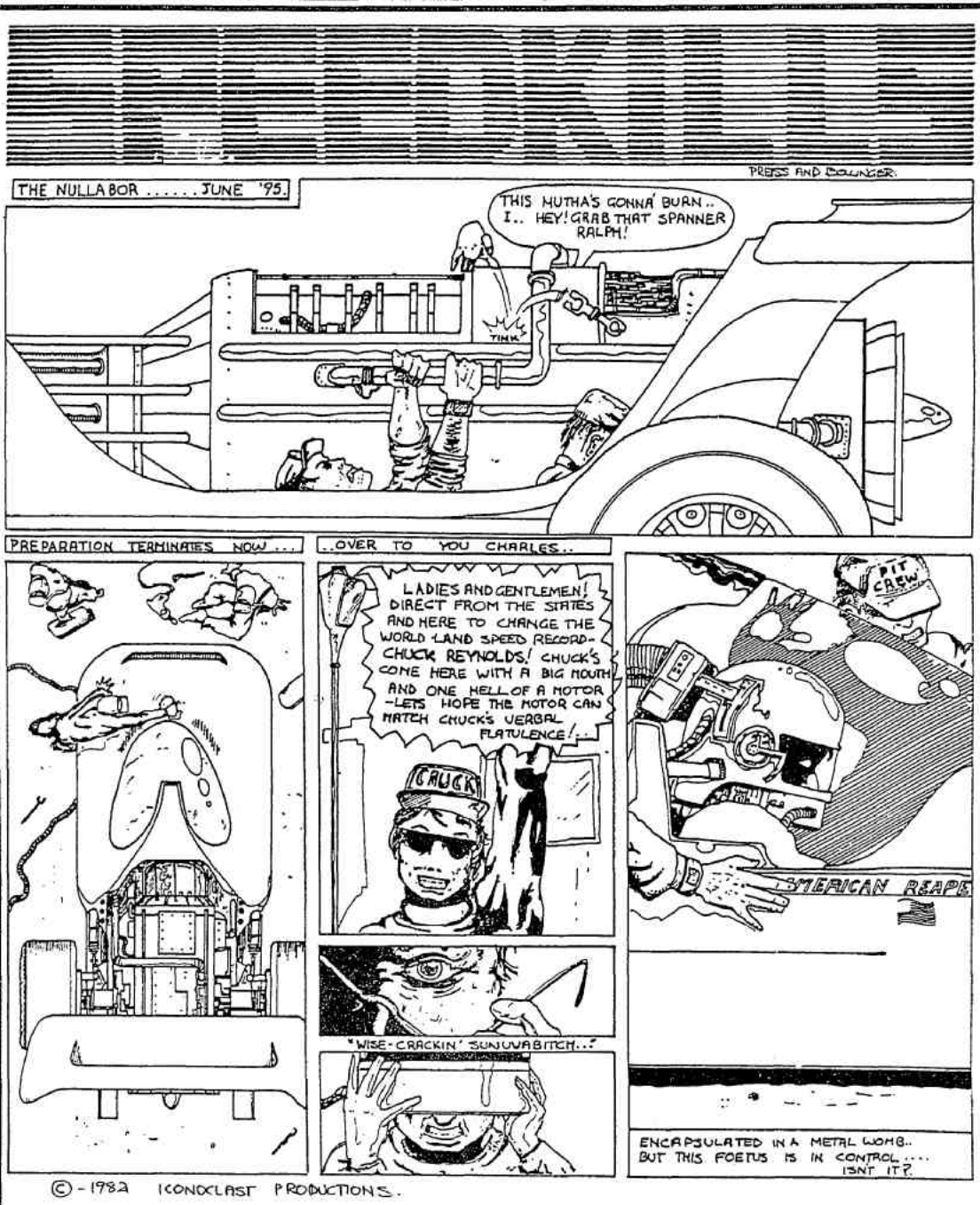
With the best ever seen on the front pages of Australia's premier papers, and the graffiti comes out streets ahead in both perception and veracity.

Of course, social comment rates high on the list of the graffitists priorities. Subjects like feminism and sexual freedom take up quite a large percentage of the available wall space. Unfortunately except for the odd gem like "I have always considered myself superior to the male and therefore strongly object to becoming equal" . . . they show a regrettable lack of sense of humour and imagination. This is, however, made up for in the one area in which graffiti really excels; that of personal philosophy.

During moments of apparently deep contemplation gems to equal any Confucianist adage have appeared to grace our walls, leaving us with a grin as we shuffle off to mortal toil.

"The most gratifying thing about death is that you don't have to get up in the morning" quite often springs to my mind these days, just as "I used to think before I found cliches" has a certain relevance to academic life. "I used to think Plato was a form of detergent before I found Bill Ginnane" rates among great epitaphs of the world and "Ever had one of those days when everything has gone right and there's been no one there to see it" sums up life for what I imagine is a great percentage of us.

Yet, with all this talent and insight literally jumping off the walls at us, why as Bush Week has come and gone again with its usual quota of boozy balls and scattered scavenging, has not this talent in our midst been recognised. Perhaps it's time we instigated an annual award for the single best piece of graffiti to be produced on this campus, to recognise and lay tribute to our undoubtedly inspired writers. So, all you secluded scribblers, why not crawl over to the Woroni office under cover of darkness and leave us your contribution, preferably on paper. Don't be ashamed by what others might think of you, should you be seen, for after all as one of you so pertinently pointed out the other day . . . "Everyone's mad except thee and me, and I've often had cause to suspect all we three . . ."



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# More lead flies at Acton Gulch

By  
T. ARK

A lot of stories have been told about those legendary days of the Old West. And some stories are taller than others. Specially when people talk about what they done and what they said, their memories and their egos play little tricks with their recollections.

That's just like it was way out West, in the sleepy little town of Acton Gulch, SA, where law and order were maintained by Acting Sheriff Powder Puff Humphries. You'll recall that the Yellow Hat and Blue Hat Gangs had joined forces to drive the Red Hat Gang out of town, and to install the leader of the Blue Hat Gang, Powder Puff, as Sheriff. Everyone was very please (except the Red Hat Gang, of course) and Powder Puff proceeded to display plans for new railway, which he was sure would be coming into town real soon.

And then the trouble started. Slick Larry, who'd been away running for President of the United States ("we're a world superpower, so let's blow up!") at the time Powder Puff took over the town, came back to Acton Gulch (he'd only got 5 votes — even the Dreadfully Specious Party had beaten him). He decided to sit up in a tall tree outside the town saloon and refuse to come down until he could be sheriff. In the meantime, Powder Puff made a terrible mistake. One night he was drinking in the saloon with his friend and fellow Blue Hat Gang member, El Nobbros. Now, El Nobbros wasn't too good at gunfighting but he liked to "arrange" things late at night when the rest of the townsfolk were asleep. He also liked to call himself "Mackie O'Velly". On this particular

occasion Powder Puff confessed to El Nobbros how he had one day crapped on the Mayor's desk while the Mayor was away. El Nobbros swore to keep Powder Puff's secret, but he decided then and there that it would be much more fun to tell everybody. He was, however, afraid of being found out, so he got his friend Mad-dog Horace to do it for him.

Mad-dog ran around like a . . . well, like a mad dog, telling all who would listen about Powder Puff's indiscretion. Strangely enough, however, nobody seemed to be interested. Finally, Mad-dog stormed into a Blue Hat Gang hoe-down and challenged Powder Puff to a knife fight. Suddenly El Nobbros appeared from the shadows.

"Say your prayers, Powder Puff," he said.  
"Check!" said Powder Puff grimly.  
"Nobody calls me a Czech and gets away with it!" shrieked Mad-dog, lunging at Powder Puff.

The fight was over in a flash. Mad-dog's knife plunged deep into his own neck, spilling gore onto the floor. He lay flat on his back, softly gurgling. The Blue Hat Gang cheered.

"Any other challengers?" asked Powder Puff, looking at El Nobbros.

"That was great work, Powder Puff," declined El Nobbros. Later that night he quietly hung up his guns and went East (El Nobbros loved hanging up his guns and going East, judging by how often he did so). The next day Marshall Packard ran Mad-dog out of town for getting gore all over the carpets.

Meanwhile, Powder Puff was getting tired of Slick Larry crapping all over him from his tree every time he went to the saloon, so he told him that he could be Sheriff if he won it, fair and square, in a showdown. Slick Larry was mighty pleased at this and came down from the tree, but there, trigger-fingers itching, at the other end of the street were the three hired hombres who he'd tangled with before: Obesity O'Brien, Killer Cullen and Fangs Ford. He scurried back up the tree.

Next, Powder Puff said he could have a showdown with Poncho Redpath. Slick Larry decided that this was a better proposition as there was only one of him and he looked rather sluggish anyway. Besides, he was



the new leader of the Red Hat Gang and he'd beaten Two-ounce Bron before. So he agreed to the showdown and came down from the tree.

The big day came and the townsfolk of Acton Gulch turned out to watch the big gunfight. Poncho was dressed in a pale pink hat, while Slick Larry wore a two-coloured hat: one side was blue, and it faced the side of the street where the Blue Hat Gang were watching. The other side was red, and was all that could be seen by the Red Hat Gang on the other side of the street. On top was a little yellow crown. The street was suddenly hushed, except for a cabal of lawyers Slick Larry had brought along to advise on legal consequences of the showdown.

"Draw!" barked Slick Larry.  
Before, however, Poncho could pull his gun out of its holster, the sound of gunfire was heard and Slick Larry toppled forward, dead as a doorpost.

Powder Puff smiled.  
The funny thing was, when they carried his body away, they found not one but dozens of bullet holes, one for just about everybody in Acton Gulch. Seems Powder Puff wasn't the only one Slick Larry had crapped on from his tree.

# Who gives a stuff about support bands?

By  
ANDREW BAUME

one with the ideals of the band, especially integrity and belief in what the band's music is about.

It's a rough road to be a support act, so why don't you check out the band as headliners when they appear at the CCAE at an end of semester gig with another Sydney based group. Spy v Spy? Perhaps you might like to take in their brand of "Psychadelic Surf Pop Tied Music" (Russell's description) or record first — Hearts and Flowers backed by a moody instrumental called Sandarama is on Regular Records thru WEA.

changes over the last five years he has been worried that his writing has not been similar enough to provide a formula for success.

Mark writes 90% of the music that the band plays and whilst the others want to get more heavily into song-writing, they all concede that Mark is the guiding hand of the band and for them all to try to write songs compatible to his may be a mistake.

Howard is particularly pleased to be playing in a band which does mostly originals because his last band, the Elks, tended to be overwhelmed by cover versions "and was never really our own."

Despite any real success over the past five years, members of the band still feel that if their music satisfies themselves it will go over well in the marketplace. Last year's mini-album "Swept Away" did manage to grab a slightly larger audience thanks mostly to its extensive airplay on Sydney's 2JJJ FM.

Their latest single "Hearts and Flowers" seems destined to traverse the middle ground between Triplejay and its FM counterparts and the AM stations. The song was produced by Buzz Bidshrip, ex-drummer of the Angels, with a big full sound not captured before the Riptides on vinyl (nor for that matter by the Angels).

The undercurrent of feeling in the band is that it was a very malleable song and producing it was quite different from any of their other material. Whilst they say that they are happy with it, all felt that they would have done it differently if given another chance.

The hassles of bands are always talked about, but rarely does a band

Simple Minds, as almost everybody knows, played at ANU on Tuesday, October 6. No one will remember any of the tunes which the first band on the night played. Very few will remember their name. They're called the Riptides, and when not touring Australia with Simple Minds, they are based in Sydney.

They are the first to agree that people don't go to see the support bands, and probably don't even try to listen to them. In the words of Mark Callaghan, the major songwriter and founder of the band, however, "to tour with an overseas band very much in vogue has got to be a good thing."

Others in the band agree. Howard Shawcross, the energetic and facially contorting bass player, feels that to get across to even 10% of the audience counts. Their aim is that even if the crowd doesn't like them, at least they put on a good performance.

This type of philosophy epitomises the band's attitude to success. "Sure, we'd like to succeed," says Howard, "but the most important thing is for us onstage to enjoy what we're doing."

The current Riptide lineup of Callaghan on guitar and lead vocals, Michael Hiron on lead guitar, Russell Parkhouse on keyboards, Shawcross on bass and the enigmatic Hutch Hutchinson on drums, is the fourth in a band which has altered direction greatly since Mark first started the band, then called the Numbers, way back in 1977.

"We were into the punk thing then, and when we went into the studio it was really rough as we were just learning." Mark is the only surviving member of those days and throughout the massive have a five-year recording contract and no manager — this is the unfortunate status of the Tides. Mark does most of the management work which slows writing output a bit, which they're all prepared to endure until they find some-



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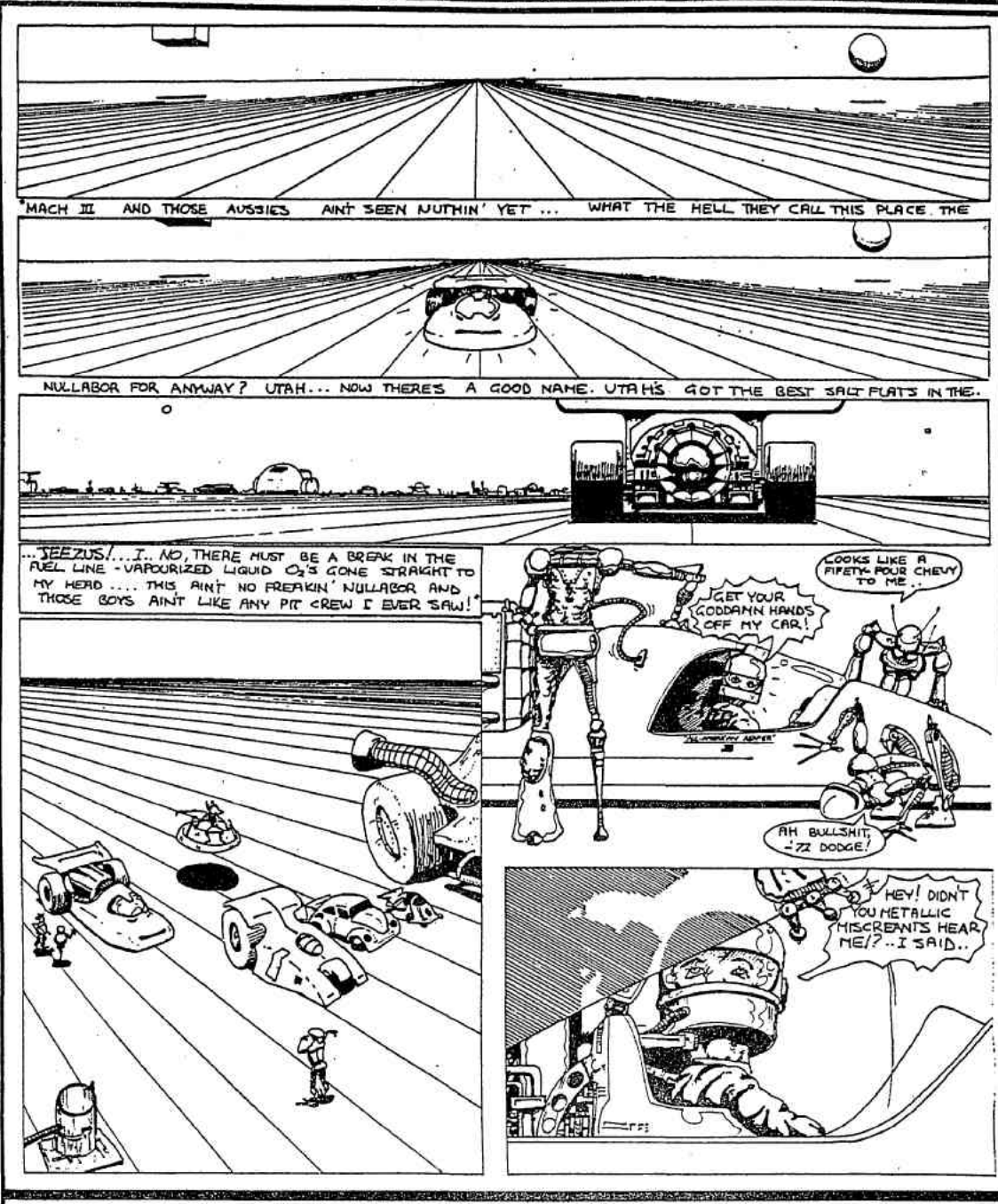
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# Guide to the proposed changes to the Union's Constitution

The Union's Constitutional Review Committee has now completed its task of re-writing the Constitution. Comments and suggestions are now called for from the Union's members. The revised Constitution will be sent to be drafted by a lawyer before being considered by a General Meeting of members and submitted for approval to Council.

The following is a guide to the main changes and the reason for them. Further details can be obtained from the Chair of the Constitutional Review Committee, K. Edwards.



## Definitions

The current Constitution refers to "the Chairman" of the Board. The new Constitution replaces that term with "Chair of the Board". Similarly, the third person singular will be written "she/he" throughout. The definition of a student has been changed to bring it in line with the University's definition and now is, "a student of the University" means a person who has been accepted as an undergraduate student of the University in pursuance of rules made under the University's Enrolment, Course and Degrees Statute." Categories of Union membership not defined in the old Constitution but used have been added to that there will be provision for ordinary, life, honorary life, visiting, reciprocal and associate members.

## Membership

A provision has been made for students to become members before they pay the G.S.F. at the beginning of the year so that those who are granted extensions for fees payment are not penalized for this. Another new clause allows post-graduates to become ordinary members of the Union. The provisions for visiting membership have been expanded to allow all students of other tertiary institutions and academic visitors membership for a fee set by the Board, the length of membership to be determined by the Board. Previously visiting membership was restricted to one month in any year.

## The Board

Several proposals were considered by the CRC and Board. The main changes accepted were to abolish the position of the Vice-Chancellor's representative and to write the two existing positions of staff representative into the Constitution (currently these Board members are co-opted only).

The Committee felt that the position of Vice-Chancellor's representative should be abolished because the University is already adequately represented on the Board by the Bursar and University Council representatives. Since the Vice-Chancellor is the Executive Officer of Council the position seems redundant. Moreover, the position is not used to solicit information or give the Vice-Chancellor's views. It was also recommended that the power of the Board to co-opt members be reduced from two positions to one to prevent the size of the Board expanding. Provision for the election of a Deputy Chair to be one of the Trustees and preside at meetings when the Chair is absent has also been included. A clause allowing the appointment of a temporary Trustee to be appointed in case one of the others is unable to act has also been added.

The current provision giving the Chair a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes will be removed. Instead a motion will automatically lapse if the votes are equal. The Board will take office from its first meeting in November rather than November 1, to overcome the problems of an interim Chair and Executive.

## Fees

Under the current Constitution all fees, including those for life, visiting and other categories of members, have to be approved by Council. The draft Constitution proposes that only undergraduate fees need to be approved by Council. This recognises that Council's role is to protect students while the Board, which controls who is admitted under other categories of membership as well as the privileges associated, should set fee levels.

## General meetings

Under the current Constitution a General Meeting of members has no power to direct the Board to take a particular course of action. The draft constitution will make decisions of General Meetings binding on the Board. Because of the increased powers of General Meetings, the current provision allowing quorumless General Meetings to pass resolutions and approve constitutional amendments will be abolished.

## Amending the Constitution

Under current rules all Constitutional amendments need to be adopted by a 2/3 majority at a General Meeting, passed by the Board and approved by Council. It is proposed to abolish the requirement for approval by Council. Under the Constitution, Student Organisations Statute and ANU Act, University Council controls the Union's fee income, has representatives on the Board of Management and has some control over Union membership of students. In view of these checks on the Board the Committee believes that Union members should have control over their own Constitution, rather than an outside body.

Katrina Edwards  
Chair, Union Board of Management.  
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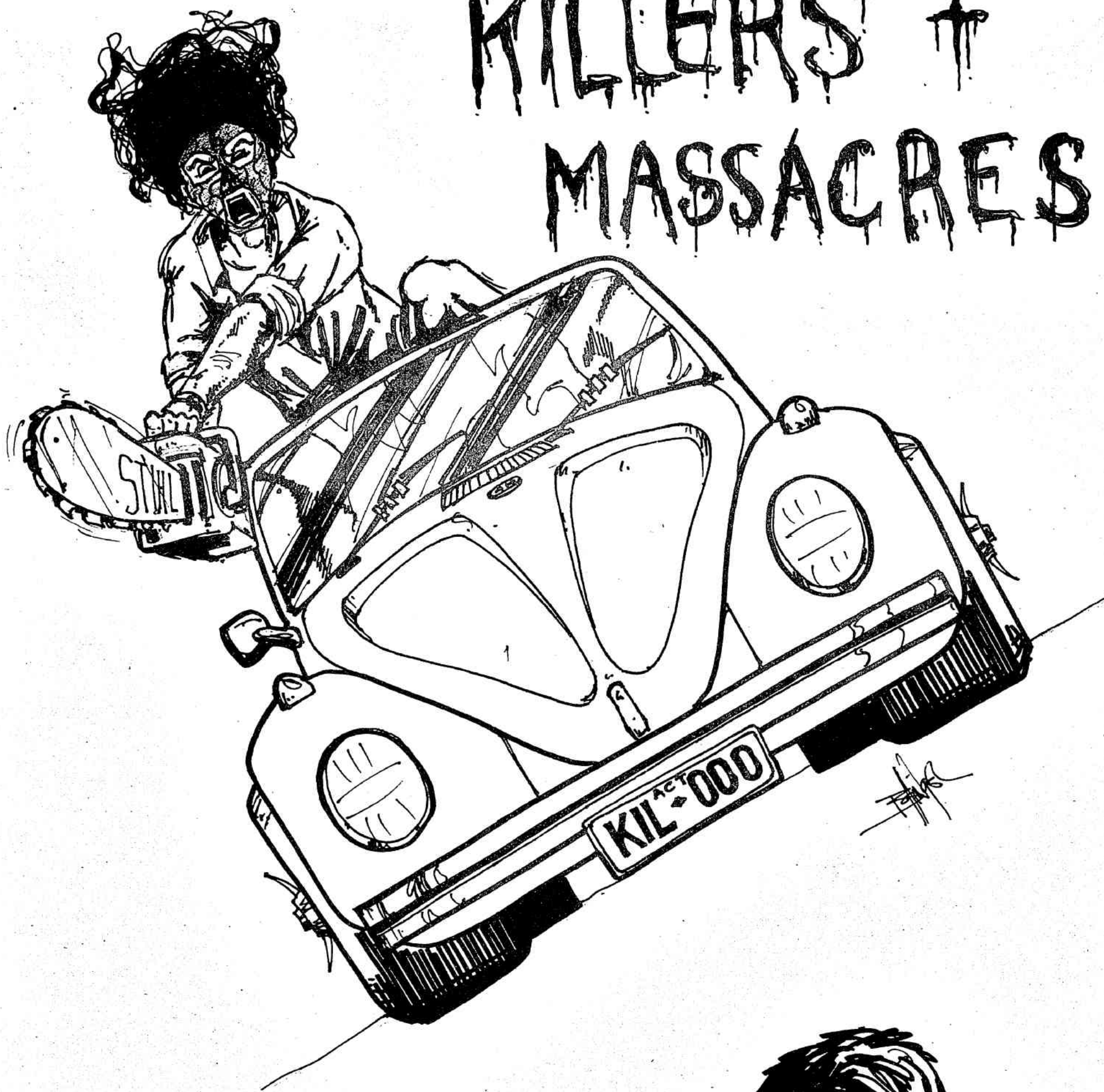
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# KILLERS + MASSACRES



In the wake of Young Men Going Places come the Car Killers and Texas Massacre. Both bands describe YMGP as being an inspiration and a catalyst and both reared their heads at a recent Oi'fest at the Captain Cook Hotel.

The Car Killers were formerly The Degenerates, a band that apparently broke up after an encounter with the law. Stinky Muldoon, vocals; John Lusty, guitar; Grant Wilson, bass; and A.J. drums, combine to play a set of eleven originals and "Blood on the Streets" by Criminal Class. By the time this article is printed they will have added to that repertoire.

The same can be said for Texas Massacre who at the time of writing have 15 original songs. Texas Massacre are: Trog, vocals; Sog, drums; Garry Hacker, bass and Dave, guitar. Hacker stresses that the name "Texas Massacre" is derived from "the event", not the film of the same name.

A friendly rivalry exists between The Killers and the Massacres and both intend a combined blitzkrieg on Sydney at the invitation of Vellochette, NSW contemporaries of the Canberra duo.

For those collectors of trivia, I was informed that the combination of skins and punks in England has culminated in the emergence of skunx (plural), a type identified by the wearing of a Mohawk haircut (re Wattie, singer with The Exploited). One wonders what the singular form of skunx is. Skunk?

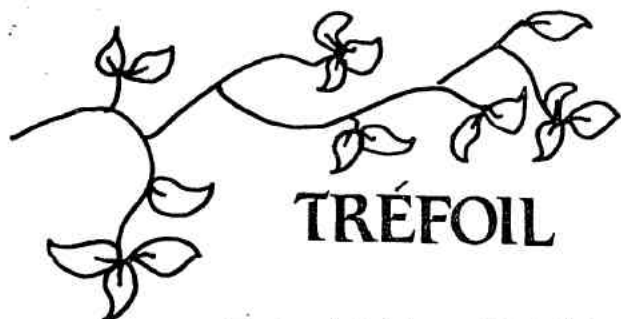
Both bands play hard and fast originals and claim to be apolitical. They're also eager to work. Car Killers contact number is 544680 and Texas Massacre can be reached on 487175. Either or both of these bands could be just the thing for your next party, college ball, etc.

Give them a ring and get those adrenal glands pumping.

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# POETRY



## TREFOIL

The four-leaved clover of the Trinity  
Gives me swirling thoughts of infinity,  
And when Heracleitus tells me  
That time is a child playing draughts,  
I feel that the ship is splitting,  
And we must take to the rafts,  
Like the Titanic amongst the splintered ice,  
Until God's hand plucks us out  
In a blessed trice.

— R.E. McArthur



## A FIRST CONFESSION

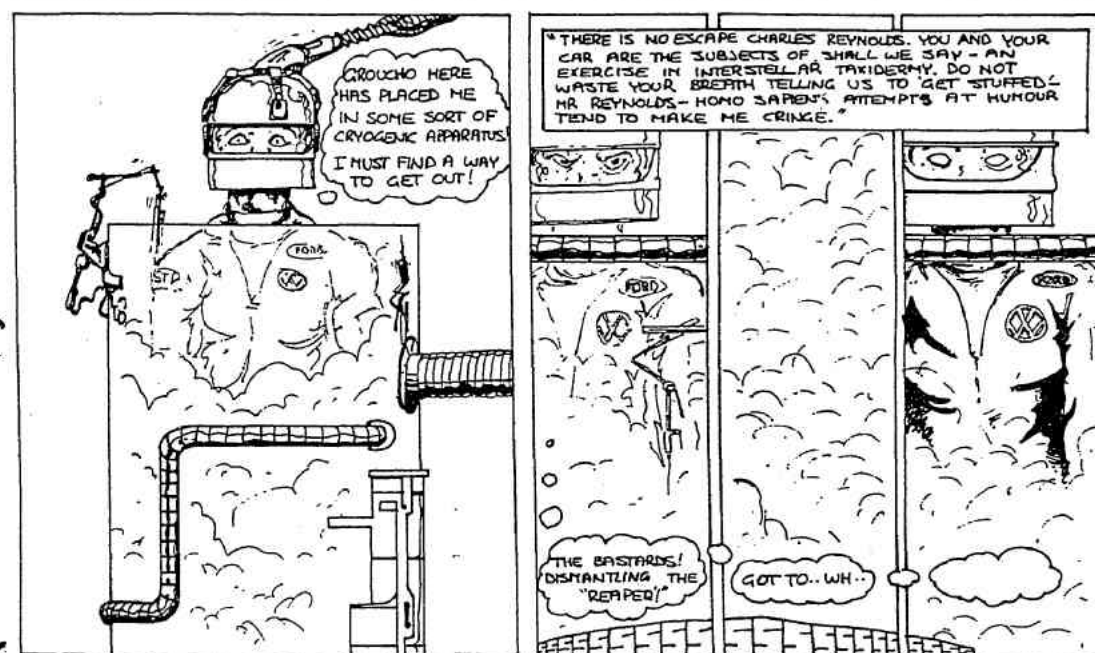
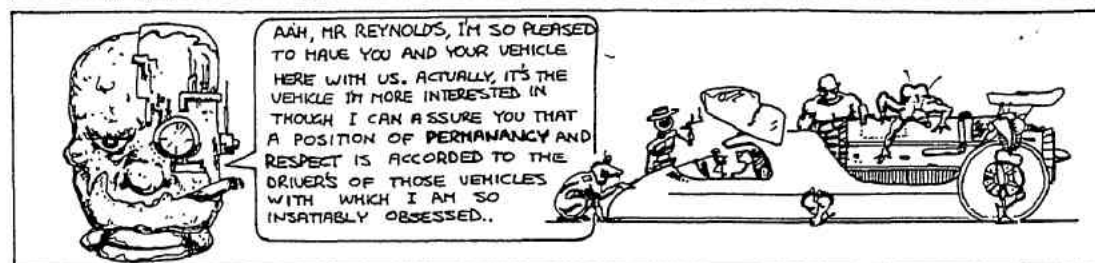
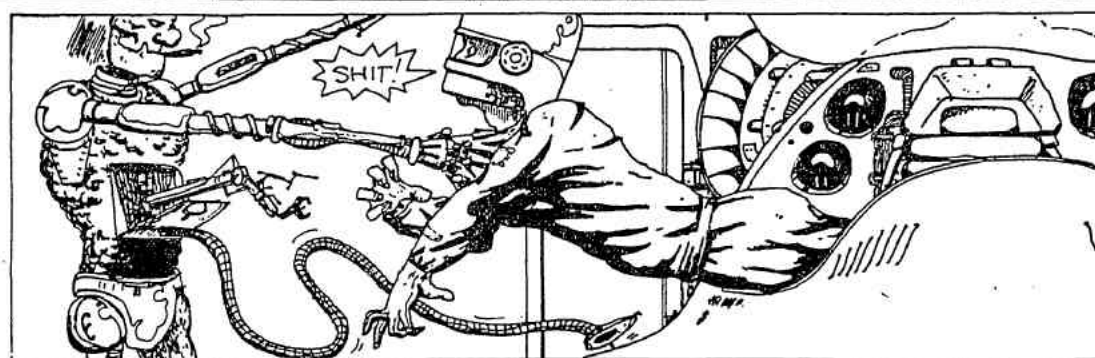
Rhyme is a beast which we must mount  
To carry us homeward to meaning,  
It is a white seductress that leads us on  
To mention the unmentionable,  
To betray the Jungian slip  
That liberates us subtly and insidiously,  
Like whiskey — most spiritual of drinks —,  
'A Scotch and soda only 95 at the Union Bar —  
'Whiskey whirls me to the ceiling'  
— Sang the long-legged fly —  
'Sends us madly, dumbly reeling,  
Murders all our depth of feeling.  
To go on such a heady trip,  
All we needs a little sip,  
From a petty, trifling nip' —  
The wandering minstrel sings for his supper,  
We ply him with Scotches to repay him  
For his brilliant conversation,  
His Leavisite tropes,  
His Wagnerian ropes,  
His kräftige Leitmotive,  
His evocation of the swollen river,  
Like a river arching its back,  
When late autumn rains make it heavily slack.

— R.E. McArthur

## FANTASIA ON AN ODE BY HORACE

Three times the delver beats the ground,  
In triplicate measure the holiday  
Unfolds itself. The wolf wanders  
Amongst the brazen lambs, and the antique altar  
Is resonant with incense like a dewy mist.  
This is sacrifice, and this is festal joy,  
And Keats engrasped it on his grecian urn,  
'To what green altar, O mysterious priest . . . ?'  
The Sapphic stanza, like a lucid net,  
Encapsulates this all, and drunken Horace  
Stands dreaming amongst the murdered kids and the crown'd  
brows.  
The Epicurean Franklin  
Would have looked on with joy,  
And the Stoic Clerk  
Have flinched with pious shock to see such larks.

— R. E. McARTHUR



## ELEGY ON THE CORNER

Y'know he died last night.  
Not too good. Still,  
cancer wasn't the main thing —  
could've been just another Turk.  
It was the way he died  
with a fight,  
a sort of never-say-die way:  
I mean, sick and still boozing like anything.  
Remember him coming in through the door  
just the other day  
to have a smoke and drink with his  
mates, doing a little jog on the spot,  
grinning over healthkicks and doctors.

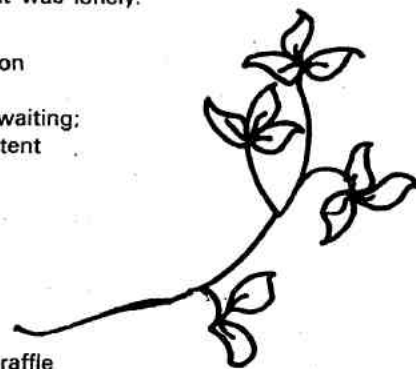
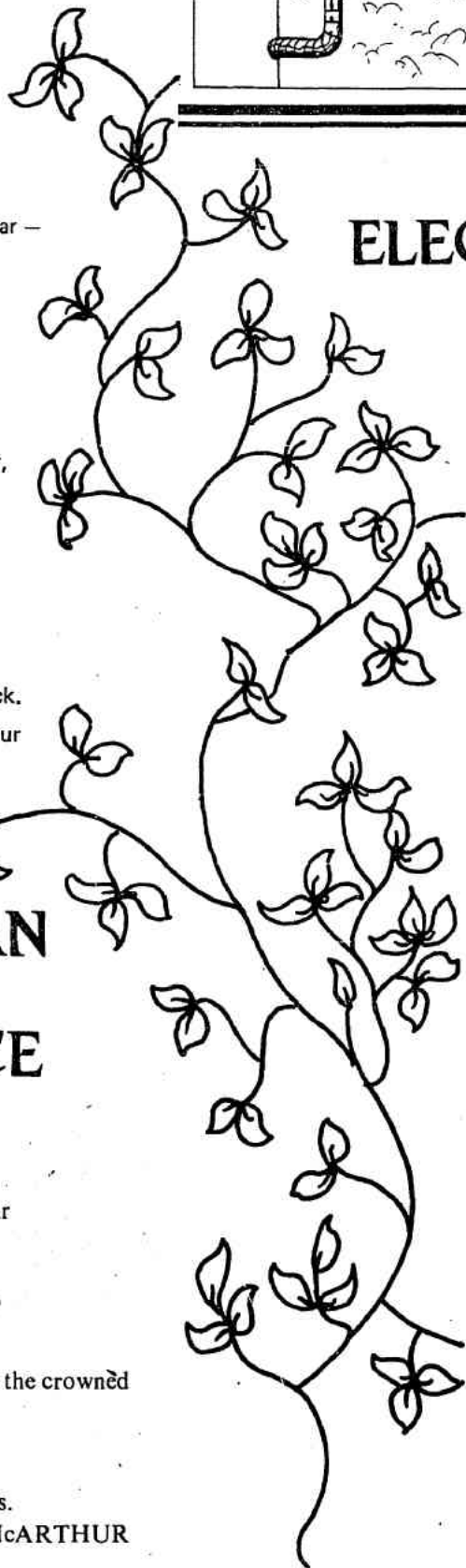
Though really a lost dog  
wagging a tail to his master,  
you could tell by the eyes  
hungering for laughter,  
flashes of speech on an empty horizon,  
bodies to fill burnt gaps  
yawning inside.

Even so, I don't reckon he went out of sheer bravado.  
No, reckon there was something  
else unseen just  
round the corner  
that made him go.  
Without a light though, reckon it was lonely.

Sometimes I wonder  
being deep down a man of action  
he got tired of waiting;  
of blank, boxed-in buildings all waiting;  
of people beetling over roads intent  
on battle  
but given away  
by a stray face  
gazing up at the vacant sky  
and waiting  
for a plane.

The barmen are going to run a raffle  
raise some money for the missus and kids.

Lee Bygrave, '81





# GOOD

# LUCK!

**THE EDITORS**





# POEMS

## by ARTIE

### 0.01% OF PEOPLE IN GAREMA PLACE

I forgot to tip my hat,  
But they did not notice.  
I am still insignificant.  
Except to my parents.  
A hundred fancy gowns on stage,  
Hiding faces, getting  
Fifty thousand dollars a year.  
But the money is easy.  
I am one of the lucky,  
To reach high in the system,  
But even here I am just a number.  
Still a number.  
0.01% of the people  
In Garema Place,  
Are like me.  
But what is "like me?"  
Am I any better,  
To walk in a great hall,  
And shake hands with the chancellor?  
And to take my degree from him?  
For what have I learned anyway?

### THE NEWS

The news came on the TV showed up the riot in Ireland the death on the highway when oil prices rose and crime rose in Sydney city where unions fight for a 35 hour week when Asia starves millions dies with disease and malnutrition and death is splashed over the war strawn middle east of the assassination of another president of a distant land when the weather here is overcast and I switch the TV off and have another beer.

### SELFISH JOBS

Selfish jobs,  
Selfish money,  
Selfish goods,  
Selfish customers buying goods,  
Selfish jerks making goods,  
Selfish staff,  
Selfish millionaires owning staff,  
Selfish staff hating millionaires,  
Selfish staff hating work,  
Selfish work is boring,  
Selfish work is painful,  
Selfish work is socially pointless, but  
Selfish work earns money, and  
Selfish money is spent  
Selfishly on other  
Selfishly produced goods, made by  
other  
Selfish jerks who consequently earn  
Selfish money too.  
So, don't work for selfish money,  
you selfish bastards;  
It only encourages them.

### DAYDREAMING

Sitting alone in the ANU refectory,  
as usual, I know no-one.  
Then an old familiar face sees me,  
and I give a smiling nod.  
She might have come over,  
and commented that I was alone,  
but I may have replied,  
that I have friends here,  
But I wish not to converse.  
Or I may reply,  
that I have two friends;  
my can of drink and my apple pie,  
and that I can relate  
to my can of drink,  
cause like it,  
I was produced and exploited,  
and will be disregarded,  
at the will of society.

### GENESIS

In the beginning, God created Heaven  
and earth.  
And then He invented man,  
And made a hash of it;  
So He invented women,  
And she was even worse (thought man);  
So one day He created Rupid Murdock,  
And He was very pleased,  
Cause now He could rest,  
And let some other Bastard  
Control the mess He'd created.

### TANYA

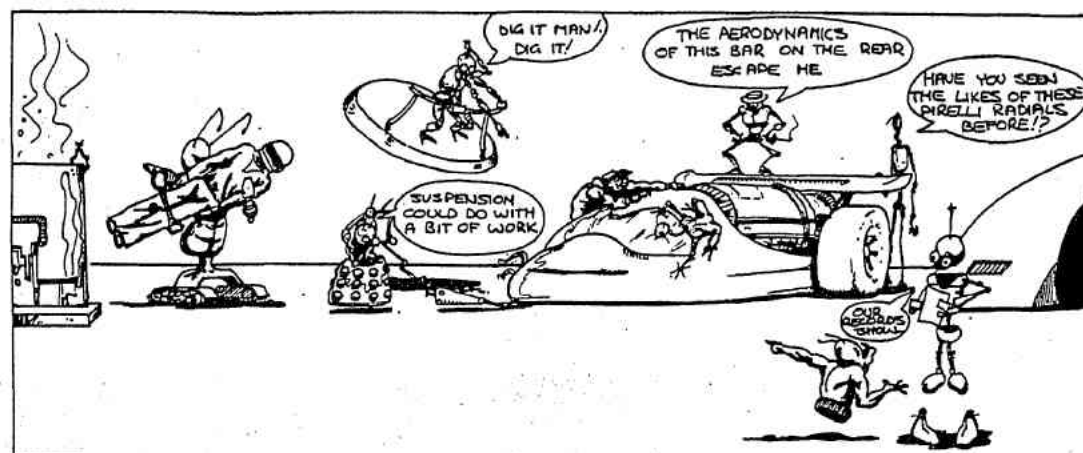
So many thoughts,  
So many hates;  
But I couldn't  
Read you,  
Or ask you,  
Or find you.  
You understand,  
And you want to fight;  
To help,  
To serve a cause  
To which you belong;  
The city aboriginals.  
The less fortunate,  
Sell their bodies,  
For a glass of beer,  
Or money that helps them  
Drink away the nights.  
But they lose  
The money,  
And they lose  
The men,  
And they lose  
The respect  
They wished to gain;  
But never had,  
And will never ever receive.

### DISCO

Walk in the joint,  
and it's packed.  
500 million people,  
and you leave alone.  
You feel alone,  
so you search for a lady,  
and end up chatting  
with the boys.  
Search the faces,  
and the blank  
far away people  
barely notice you.  
You get a smile,  
and you get a frown,  
but for all your efforts,  
you're still alone.  
A thousand guys,  
A thousand girls.  
Shapely bodies,  
distant minds.  
One fat, one thin  
one cute, one sweet,  
one punk, one posh,  
one slut, one smut.  
You're honest in approach,  
but you still get bucked,  
and you come away knowing,  
the whole scene's fucked.

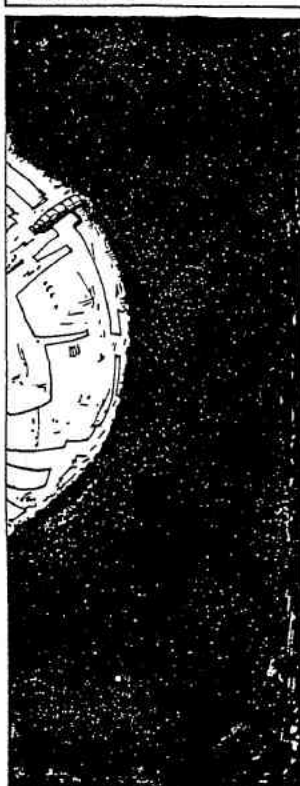
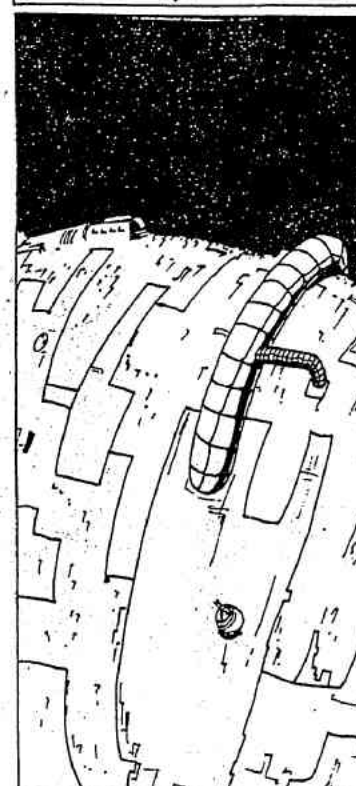
### THE ASIAN

They look and persecute,  
I MUST look away.  
It's a free country.  
I have heard, though,  
That they only hate  
Racists and wogs.



"THAT IT RESEMBLES A 1971  
(EARTH CALENDAR) PONTIAC TRANSAM."

"HMM...WELL IT DOESN'T LOOK  
LIKE A 465 SD TO ME."



ARTIE HUNTER





**JUST WHEN YOU  
THOUGHT IT WAS  
SAFE TO  
PARACHUTE ONTO  
THE CHIFLEY  
LAWNS AGAIN . . .**

So they sank the General Belgrano, did they? Then why has it surfaced outside the Chifley Library?

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